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Firemen's leaders agree 12-4 on move to end strike

Firemen's union leaders agreed yesterday to recall the delegate conference, the only body that can call off the strike now in its eighth week. The decision was taken by a 12-4 vote of the union executive. The employers said last night that they had made no concessions on pay. The conference is expected to be recalled next week.

No concessions made on pay

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

The Fire Brigades Union conference will be recalled next week to decide whether to return to work on the basis of the local authorities' pay offer.

The union's executive yesterday bowed to continued pressure by the Government and employers and voted 12 to four to recall the conference, which alone can end the strike.

The decision, taken during 30 hours of negotiations at the Home Office, means abandonment by the firemen's leaders of an attempt to break the pay guidelines, and a clear message to the 30,000 striking firemen that further negotiations will not improve the pay offer.

It was still not clear last night, as talks continued on detailed conditions attached to the offer, in what form it would be put to the 300 delegates at the conference, which voted for the strike more than seven weeks ago.

Provided agreement can be reached on those conditions, the executive is expected formally to recommend a return and acceptance of an immediate 10 per cent wage rise and the formula linking firemen's earnings to those of skilled industrial workers from November, 1979.

During most of the negotiations, which started on Tuesday with Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, affirming that there was no possibility of improvements in pay, both sides kept apart and communicated through officials.

Yesterday morning the executive had a heated debate on whether to accept the 10 per cent increase, backdated to November 7. Only the two London members and those from Merseyside and North Wales opposed the move to recall the conference on the basis of the present offer.

Firemen's leaders acknowledge that delegates at the conference, expected to be in the North of England, might overturn their decision and decide to stay on strike. One moderate executive member predicted that the majority of two to one in favour of a strike on November 7 would be reversed into a similar vote for a return.

Most executive members remain chastened by the way in which their own proposal to that conference to continue talks with the employers was supported by only seven delegates.

The minority argued strongly yesterday that there had been no real improvement in the offer, issued on December 9, since the executive decided by 14 votes to one not to recall the conference last week.

An employers' representative told reporters last night: "I can assure you that there has been no concession whatever on pay."

Strikers 'sickened': Leaders of Strathclyde's 2,500 striking firemen said they were sickened by the reported decision to recall the delegate conference (the Press Association reports). But they were confident that the conference would vote to continue the strike.

Union leaders in South Yorkshire also predicted that their representatives would vote to continue the strike at a recalled conference.

Five killed: A baby aged 18 months and his mother aged 19 were among five members of a family who died when fire swept their terrace house in Brathway Road, Wandsworth, early yesterday.

Those who died were Mr John Bennett, aged 46; his wife, Betty, aged 45; their daughter, Cheryl, and her baby son, Anthony; and another daughter, Rosalind, aged 15.

The Bennetts' eldest son, John, aged 22, and another daughter, Debbie, aged 14, escaped by jumping from a first-floor window.

Dr David Paul, the coroner at Hornsey, north London, said at an inquest yesterday that he was unable to say if the death of two children in a fire at their home in Edmonton would have been prevented had firemen not been on strike. He recorded verdicts of accidental death on Christopher Havock, aged nine, and his sister Alicia, aged seven, who died on December 28.

Dr Paul praised the "heroic attempts" of neighbours, firemen and police who tried to rescue the children.

Service firefighters fought a fire in the centre of Burton upon Trent for more than four hours before bringing it under control early yesterday. The four-storey Bass Charrington building contained 4,000 tons of malt and barley.

London killer of Palestinian leader shook hands with his victim before shooting him

Yard chief says PLO investigation is not welcome

By Ian Bradley
and Stewart Tendler

Four senior officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization arrived in Britain last night as Scotland Yard issued a Photofit picture of the man they are seeking after the murder in London on Wednesday of Mr Said Hammami, the organization's chief European representative. The motive for the murder remains unclear, although both Arab and Israeli extremists are being blamed.

Officers from the Yard's anti-terrorist squad are keeping an open mind on the origin of the killer and retaining the term "of Middle-Eastern appearance" in the description accompanying the picture. Yesterday Commander James Nevill, head of the squad said that the killer used the name "Adel" to make an appointment with Mr Hammami on Wednesday.

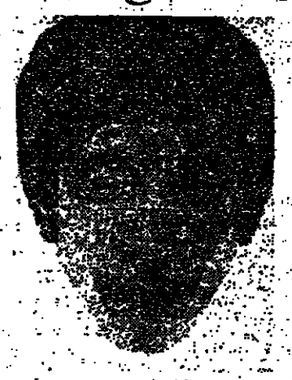
During a telephone call "Adel" spoke Arabic but Mr Nevill would not say which dialect was used. The caller was told that Mr Hammami was not in the office. Two and a half hours later he called at the office's basement door and was taken in to see Mr Hammami. The two men shook hands.

Students outside the room heard Mr Hammami say in a matter-of-fact tone: "Are you Adel?" Mr Hammami was then shot in the head and body with an automatic handgun of .22 calibre.

The police are also investigating a telephone call made to the London office of the UPI news agency yesterday. It claimed that a group calling itself "the Voice of the Palestine revolution" was responsible for the murder.

Official Palestinian sources in Beirut had not heard of the group, although the full name of the official PLO radio station is "The Voice of Palestine, the Voice of the Palestine Revolution".

During the day the PLO announced that it was sending a team to London to take the body back and launch its own investigation into the killing,



Police Photofit of "Adel."

which it attributes to Israeli intelligence.

Mr Nevill made clear yesterday that the police would not welcome a PLO investigation. He said: "We are very willing to speak to anybody who might be able to help us. But the only people making the investigation are the police."

The police took some fingerprints at the scene of the killing, but so far they do not appear to have helped them to add a name to the picture issued yesterday.

Officers have begun inquiries in diplomatic circles and are checking Mr Hammami's movements in the past few weeks. Mr Nevill is due to see Mr Adnam Omran, the Syrian Ambassador in London, today.

Shortly before Mr Hammami was killed he telephoned to Mr Omran, telling the ambassador that he was in danger. The call was made after "Adel" had telephoned.

Mr Omran said yesterday that he hoped the police would not exclude the possibility that any power or group in the Middle East, including extreme Israelis, might have been responsible for the killing. Mr Omran said that if the assassin was trying to weaken moderate forces in the Middle East he would fail.

Mr Hammami was well known for his moderate views and was involved in talks with the Israelis over the recent peace moves.

Mr Mohammed Wahby, deputy director of the Arab League, in whose London office Mr Hammami was killed, said the possibility that the Israelis were responsible could not be excluded. He said: "No one in the Arab world would be interested in killing Mr Hammami at this time, nor would the Palestinians, who are all united."

Mr Wahby recalled that prominent members of the PLO in Rome, Oslo and Paris had been killed in the past three years.

The Israeli Embassy in London denied that Israelis were behind the killing. He said Mr Hammami was in constant dialogue with Israelis and that they would have no motive for killing him.

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Dollar gains ground against all currencies

By Caroline Atkinson in London and David Cross in Washington

The dollar rebounded sharply against all currencies on the European markets yesterday after the unexpected American announcement on Wednesday that it would begin to intervene in support of the dollar.

Sterling lost nearly 7¾ cents on the day and closed at $1.888 in London, although in New York the pound gained 3¾ cents to close at $1.9075. In London the effective rate index fell back by 1.5 to 64.7 as the dollar picked up more ground against sterling than against most other currencies.

However, sterling remains stronger both against the dollar and in trade weighted terms than it was just before Christmas. Some dealers expect sterling to climb up again once the turmoil has abated.

Big gains were also made by the dollar against the key German and Swiss currencies. At DM2.156 the dollar closed 4¾ per cent higher than on Wednesday. The rise against the Swiss franc was even greater. The Japanese currency did not move so much.

Gold lost 5¾ cents in London as a result of the dollar's improvement to close at $166.125 an ounce.

Trading was busier than expected in Europe despite the market's confusion about the longer term effects of the Americans' move.

In New York dealing was relatively light. This was attributed to continuing uncertainty over the likely scale of intervention by the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board. Intervention so far seems to have been modest but the full intentions of the two are un-

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President Carter and President Giscard d'Estaing walk alone above Omaha Beach (Page 4).

Worst wine harvest since 1969

From Ian Murray
Paris, Jan 5

The wine harvest last year was the lowest in France since 1969, according to figures released here by the Ministry of Finance.

Bad weather last spring and winter destroyed many vines, particularly in the Cognac area. The summer was too wet for the grapes to mature properly and only a late warm autumn just before the harvest saved some of the vintages.

As it is, some areas have decided for the first time to resort to chemical means to bring up the strength of the wine which has generally been of low quality.

This year's total harvest is of 52,344,930 hectolitres, which is just over 28 per cent down on last year.

Mr Brezhnev looks weary on his return

Moscow, Jan 5.—President *Brezhnev returned to the public* scene today looking drawn and tired after a month-long absence.

Mr Brezhnev, who is 71, was shown on Moscow television presenting medals and awards to Politburo members at a Kremlin ceremony.

The Soviet leader was last seen in public on December 7 at the Red Square funeral of Marshal Vasilyevsky. Western diplomats were told that he had influenza.—*Reuter.*

'FT' up to 15p

The price of the *Financial Times* is to be raised from 12p to 15p on Monday. But the newspaper has given an undertaking to the Price Commission that no further increases are planned this year.

Secret committee that runs the pay policy

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

A committee of Cabinet ministers, with Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the chair, met discreetly at the Cabinet Office yesterday and sat equally discreetly in judgment on the latest batch of *suspect pay settlements in* the private sector.

They are suspect only in that the Department of Employment, scrutinizing this phased return to supposedly free collective bargaining, believes that they may have breached the rules and guidance of any or all of phases one and two and the undeclared phase three.

This powerful committee, which has been functioning like some unadmitted incomes board since last August, handles the big and small of the business world, even if only some of the smaller fry have so far publicly incurred the Government's wrath.

For instance, yesterday the ministers were to have had before them a small deal, although one that looms large for the producers of these words. It was the proposed agreement between Times Newspapers and about 300 of its journalists for a 4.3 per cent productivity deal as part of a delayed phase two settlement.

Judgment was not immediately known, as was little else of the committee's doings, except a cautious acknowledgment at the Department of Employment that employers would be informed in due course of "ministerial discussions".

In the Government's tight-fisted tradition of volunteering as little as possible in public, a Treasury official expressed surprise at an inquiry on the topic of Cabinet committees: "This is an area where a fairly close taboo is kept", he said.

Another official answered that yesterday Mr Healey met "various Cabinet colleagues"; no admission of the subject matter was obtained.

If is, of course, common knowledge that pay settlements come under ministerial scrutiny, but the scale of the operation has perhaps not been appreciated. This committee has met once a week, sometimes *more often, since August* and takes up to 15 cases a week, meaning that it has handled several hundred wage settlements.

Ministers review public as well as private sector settlements, although the emphasis has recently come increasingly on the private sector, with suspicion that "phoney" productivity deals are circumventing the conditions that they must be self-financing.

Regular committee members, besides the Chancellor, are believed to be Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection (absent yesterday in the United States), Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, and Mr Rees, Home Secretary. Other ministers are called in when their departmental responsibilities are involved.

So far the committee has managed to get away without parliamentary accounting or even Conservative frontbench complaint. Only 11 cases of government "sanctions" against offending private companies have been brought to light, thanks to questioning by Mr Michael Latham, Conservative MP for Melton. The names of only four of those companies have come to be known.

None of those sanctions, usually blacklisting from government contracts, was subject to hearing or appeal, or was imposed with the chance for legal counsel to represent the deemed offenders. "The exercise of discretion is an administrative action and not formalized" (in the way suggested

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Mr Whittaker, Leyland cars chief, resigns

By Clifford Webb

Mr Derek Whittaker, managing director of Leyland Cars, has resigned and will be leaving *the company, informed company* sources said last night. An official announcement is expected today.

Mr Whittaker was the executive most closely involved in the development of the new Mini, ADO 88. It has become apparent that Mr Michael Edwardes, the chairman of British Leyland, is prepared to push through a big redesign of this car.

Mr Whittaker is closely associated with the present stucture of the ailing cars subsidiary. This, too, will shortly be reorganized in a manner which Mr. Whittaker may be unable to accept.

The appointment of Mr Ray Horrocks as his deputy only two days ago led to some conjecture within the company about the future of Mr Whittaker.

Left wins key position in building union

A communist-supported candidate has won a key seat on the executive of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians, the building industry's biggest union. The win, by Mr Charles Kelly, a long-standing member of the Labour Party, means that on most issues the left will have a majority of four to three in the leadership. The union has just given the building employers notice of a claim for substantial increases in pay for a million workers. The impact of the result may not show up for some time, our Labour Editor says, because Sir George Smith, the union's general secretary, exercises considerable personal authority over the executive and is a veteran survivor of political intrigue in the union. Page 2

Callaghan clash in Bangladesh

Mr Callaghan, visiting Dacca, was nettled by reporters' questions on Bangladeshi immigrants in Britain. The laws on immigration were matters for the British, he said. British courts would protect every citizen, of whatever race, colour or creed, "entitled to be there". Mr Callaghan visited the immigration section of the British High Commission. Officials explained the interview procedures to him, but he did not speak to any of the applicants. Page 6

Chile will allow rights inquiry

President Pinochet of Chile has tempered his defiant mood in the wake of a 75 per cent *referendum vote in his favour* and now plans to allow the United Nations to investigate human rights in his country—but under rules set by the regime to ensure "objectivity". Page 5

Coral in agreed bid for Pontin's

Coral Leisure Group announced *an agreed £53m offer for* Pontin's, the holiday camp and village operators. Acceptance of the offer will be worth £15m to Sir Fred Pontin, chairman and managing director of Pontin's. Page 17

Europe voting issue revived

Conservative backbenchers have tabled amendments to the Bill for direct elections to the European Parliament seeking a Commons debate on a system of proportional representation adding members to those chosen by constituencies. Page 2

Leyland revises plans for Mini

Mr Michael Edwardes, British Leyland's chairman, intends to retain the present Mini and produce a larger version of a replacement originally planned. The company is confident the scheme will be approved by its full board and the National Enterprise Board. Page 17

Cut-price smoking: A new cigarette that the smoker completes for himself from tubes and tobacco will be a fifth cheaper than conventional rivals, the manufacturers say. 2

End to worship: A call for religious worship to be dropped as the start to each school day is being made by the Assistant Masters' Association. 4

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Tabarly banned after British yacht protest

Organizers of the Whitbread Round the World yacht race have banned the Frenchman, Eric Tabarly. After a protest by the British boat Heath's Condor the race committee met and decided that Tabarly's ketch, Pen Duick, did not comply with race rules because his racing certificate, issued in France was not valid.

Robin Knox-Johnston and Leslie Williams, joint skippers of Condor, protested because Pen Duick's handicapping formula was out of date and made no allowance for his revolutionary, uranium keel which provides more stability for less water resistance than conventional lead.

The decision by the organizing committee was made yesterday at the race headquarters in Portsmouth, although the protest was lodged more than a week ago when the fleet of 16 boats left Auckland for Rio de Janeiro on the third leg of the 27,500-mile race.

John Nicholls writes: The alteration of a boat after she has been measured is always likely to lead to controversy.

Tabarly must have known that his cavalier approach to the rules might not be viewed with favour. The race committee might have imposed a penalty on Pen Duick, as they did on Heath's Condor in respect of her carbon fibre mast, but in the absence of any specification, this was clearly impossible.

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After costly repairs, Cunard liner limps through its Christmas cruise

Boiler room troubles mar the QE2's seasonal spirit

From Michael Leapman
New York, Jan 5

A serious boiler-room fault disrupted the QE2's Christmas cruise in the Caribbean, from which it returned this week to New York.

It was the first trip the Cunard liner had made after its controversial refit and overhaul last month in the New Jersey yard of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Engineers from the yard were on board, still working to finish the refit, during the cruise.

Cunard's decision to have the ship refitted in the United States, at a cost of more than $5m (£2.5m) provoked industrial action against the line last summer by workers in Southampton who said that the work should have gone to a British company.

The mechanical breakdown occurred in the distillers, which provide distilled water for the ship's boilers. The need for additional water caused the cruise itinerary to be altered twice at short notice and late arrivals curtailed the passengers' time ashore elsewhere.

Some complained that this had spoilt the two-week cruise for them, and one sought to leave the ship half way in *Curaçao. There were also com*plaints of discomfort and poor organization, and one couple said that their cabin was so hot they had to put dampened blankets on the floor to cool it.

More engineers were flown to Puerto Rico, where the liner had made an unscheduled stop, to work on the distiller fault. Last Tuesday the QE2 left New York for another short Caribbean cruise with the trouble still partly uncorrected, *although Mr Bill North*, Cunard's vice-president for public relations, said it had been "substantially rectified".

The boiler-room troubles on the Christmas cruise became apparent when the ship arrived in Florida from New York. Mr North said that the company had the choice of cancelling the voyage, which he did not think most of the passengers would have welcomed, or of modifying it. Cunard chose the latter.

"We did the best we could under the circumstances", he said.

This was not the opinion of one passenger, a New York lawyer who, with her husband, was having her first cruise and had been looking forward to it very much.

"We all felt that there were mechanical problems but that we were not being told about them", she said. "And the attitude of the Cunard people was not all that apologetic."

It was the lawyer and her husband who had the overheated floor in their cabin, located above the engines. "We put water on the bathroom floor and blankets on the cabin floor, and then poured water on the blankets", the husband said. "This did help. Previously we had had trouble sleeping because it was so hot.

"We did not expect this kind of thing from Cunard, which we had heard was top of the line."

After repeated complaints they were allowed to switch *cabins half way through the* cruise. Mr North said that a few cabins in this area are always hotter than the others.

A hotel owner from North Carolina was so disappointed that he tried to leave the cruise at Curacao but the authorities there would not allow it. Later he collected a list of dissatisfied passengers with the apparent aim of getting some redress.

Mr North did not believe the difficulties were connected with last month's refit and pointed out that people always react differently to cruises. "I had a woman today call to tell me how much she had enjoyed it", he said. "But we have also had some complaints."

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HOME NEWS

Left wins leadership of biggest union in building industry

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The left has captured leadership of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (Ucatt), the largest union in the building industry. A key election for a vacant seat on the executive has been won by Mr Charles Kelly, who received communist support.

Ucatt, whose general secretary, Sir George Smith, was knighted in the New Year Honours, has just given the building employers notice of a claim for "substantial" increases in pay for a million workers. It also wants improved fringe benefits, a shorter working week, longer holidays and better sick pay.

In the election Mr Kelly, a regional organizer in Scotland, was opposed by Mr Thomas McTurk, a moderate, another regional organizer. Mr Kelly, aged 39, is based in Aberdeen and is a long-standing member of the Labour Party. His win means that on most issues the left will have a majority of four to three in the construction workers' leadership.

The impact of the result may not show for some time because Sir George exercises personal authority over the executive and is a veteran survivor of political intrigue within the union.

The militant-dominated biennial conference of Ucatt voted against phase two of the TUC-Government income policy in 1976, but the executive under the general secretary's leadership reversed that through a ballot of members.

That policy-making conference reconvenes in Dunoon in June, when the real strength of the left and its push for big pay rises will be tested.

Sir George, a senior member of the TUC General Council, is due to retire in mid-1979 and the search for his successor will begin in earnest this year. Nominations will be sought in September.

Militant rejected: Mr Gordon Norris, a leading left-wing militant in the National Union of Seamen and a leader of the 1966 national seamen's strike, has lost his seat on the union's executive council (the Press Association reports).

Bombing campaign against places of entertainment worries Ulster's tourist board

Provisional IRA increases terror in attempt to regain face

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The intense Provisional IRA bombing that has marked the new year in Northern Ireland continued yesterday with the wrecking of three shops near the centre of Belfast after explosions and a fierce fire.

The attack was the second in less than 24 hours on premises in Great Victoria Street, one of the main shopping and traffic thoroughfares.

Bombs in black plastic bags were left by gunmen in a photographic store and a fashion shop. The ensuing fire spread to a neighbouring furniture shop. Army firefighters were severely hampered by the fear that more devices might have been planted.

Last night three armed men left a bomb which exploded in a public house in the centre of the seaside resort of Newcastle, co Down. No one was injured.

On Wednesday bombers damaged an electrical showroom in Belfast's city centre. Later that night an estate agent's, a florist's, and a furniture shop in another central part of the city were damaged when blast bombs were attached to security grilles. Three women were taken to hospital with shock.

It is believed in the province that the renewed wave of attacks is an attempt by the leadership of the Provisional IRA to regain face in the wake of recent government statements about its declining effectiveness.

Many of the attacks have been on places of entertainment, conveniently deluminized in the terrorists' jargon as "economic targets".

For instance, the 20 customers dining at the Four Winds Inn, a comfortable road house near Belfast late on Tuesday, were suddenly asked to leave the building. A few minutes later a bomb, tied to an outside security grille, exploded, and one of the city's few remaining restaurants became a smoking ruin.

During the past two months such businesses have borne the brunt of the diminished but continuing terrorist campaign, with more than 15 hotels and restaurants singled out for attack and four cinemas burnt out.

Methods have varied from the arrival of a gang of gunmen to the planting of explosives attached to hot water bottles filled with petrol by young couples posing as guests.

Figures compiled this week by the Northern Ireland Tourist Board show that during the recent holiday period a total of 67 hotel bedrooms were lost in explosions. It is emphasized that rebuilding is under way in many cases, but officials are worried about the effect of the attacks on tourism, which was just beginning to recover as the overall level of violence fell.

Since 1969 a total of 2,103 hotel bedrooms have been destroyed in terrorist attacks. Of those, 820 have been restored and 788 new ones built, bringing the net loss down to 495.

But, as is so often the case, the figures do not tell the whole story. Most of the remaining hotels, like Ulster's public houses and restaurants, now resemble fortresses, which easily deter visitors unused to living with urban terrorism. Chicken wire covers windows, luggage is searched with expensive equipment, and 24-hour security staff are often assisted by closed-circuit television cameras.

A bomb "museum" in the basement of the 12-storey Belfast Europa is a constant reminder that attacks against hotels are not a new tactic. Over the years it has been a target on 29 occasions, and metal fragments from many of the bombs, all carefully labelled with dates and times, have been put on exhibition by the staff.

The present concentration of violence against the dwindling number of places of entertainment is regarded as part of the IRA's long-term attempt to destroy Ulster morale. "They are now aiming at attrition rather than at any quick victory", one hotelier said.

As yet, however, there is no sign that they are succeeding. Mr Gerald McClure, owner of the Four Winds, is typical in his response. Surveying the charred remains of his 10-year-old business, he expressed his determination to reopen as soon as possible.

£2m to make mental unit more secure

The Government is to spend more than £2m on making Carstairs Hospital, Strathclyde, which houses Scotland's criminally insane, the most secure of its type in Britain.

The decision comes after a report on the escape of two patients from Carstairs in November, 1976, when another patient, a staff nurse and a village constable were murdered.

The measures were announced yesterday by Mr Ewing, Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, at a press conference at the hospital. The Government, he said, has accepted the 47 recommendations made by Sheriff Robert Reid, QC, who reported on the escapes.

The key proposals are as follows:

Mr John Oliver, aged 64, retired controller (operations) in the Scottish Prison Service, is to be appointed to the management committee of Carstairs as security adviser.

Within two or three months a full-time security officer will be appointed to the staff, with semi-status and reporting direct to the management committee. The appointments fulfil two of Sheriff Reid's main recommendations.

Work will start shortly on an inner fence round the west wing, already ringed by a 15ft fence. Extra lighting is being installed. Those two measures alone will cost more than £1m.

New internal security measures, which Mr Ewing would not divulge, were put into operation at the hospital shortly after the escape.

One big difficulty has still to be overcome: devising a suitable early warning system for residents in scattered farmhouses and hamlets in the area if there is another escape.

Pay battle warning by power men

By Our Labour Staff

Power workers' leaders presented the employers with a big pay and conditions claim yesterday and gave a warning of a "battle" if they are told that they must keep within the Government's 10 per cent guideline.

Yesterday's meeting between four unions and the Electricity Council marked the beginning of a hard bargaining period for the annual pay settlement for 96,000 electricity supply workers, due in mid-March.

Mr Frank Chapple, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, said as he left yesterday's bargaining session in London: "Unless they allow us flexibility I cannot see any agreements being reached."

The claim, which includes a demand for a 35-hour week, better shift payments and travel-to-work allowances, is understood to represent a 30 per cent increase in earnings.

Mr Chapple said unofficial groups were claiming 40 per cent and "it would be at the risk of disputes" if there was action it would be far worse than the work-to-rule and overtime ban that caused last year's widespread cuts.

The two parties meet again on Thursday. It is clear that the employers will not offer any increase above 10 per cent.

Solution to NUJ strike is in sight

By Our Labour Staff

A seven-month strike by more than a hundred journalists centred on Darlington appears to be moving towards a solution. It is clear that the original demand for a closed shop will not be conceded.

It appears that union-management discussions are centring on the details of a peace formula produced some weeks ago by printing union leaders, who returned to work last month after supporting the journalists for several months.

One of the key points of the formula was for the future maintenance of the present ratio of National Union of Journalists' members to non-members. Discussions are also covering pay and conditions.

The stoppage is the longest in the union's history. While printing workers were out in sympathy, several newspapers were halted, including *The Northern Echo*, the biggest provincial morning newspaper in England. The relaunching of the Yorkshire Post titles owned accompanied by a big promotion campaign.

Mrs Josephine Kirk Smith, a sub-editor whose refusal to join the union provoked the stoppage, is working normally. She has joined rival Institute of Journalists.

No railway passenger deaths for two years

By Our Transport Correspondent

Not one passenger was killed on a British train in 1976, only the sixth year that has happened since the turn of the century, Lieutenant-Colonel Ian McNaughton, Chief Inspecting Officer of Railways at the Department of Transport, says in his report for 1976. In fact it is now the seventh clear year. British Rail pointed out last night that there were no passenger deaths in train accidents in 1977.

Colonel McNaughton puts the 1976 improvement down to the "hard work and devotion to duty of railwaymen of all grades" and to technical progress. The only blemishes in this excellent record were accidents due to broken rails and derailments due to staff error, both of which increased, though the total number of derailments diminished.

The report notes that train accidents fell to 1,122, which was 188 fewer than the previous year; potentially dangerous train accidents fell from 283 to 246, or from 0.94 to 0.84 a million train miles.

Collisions totalled 54, a reduction of 25 on the average for the previous five years. Derailments fell by 29 to 192, the

New system mooted for EEC assembly poll

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Another debate and vote in the Commons on the use of a proportional representation system for direct elections to the European Parliament seems likely on the basis of amendments to the Bill tabled by Conservative backbenchers.

They say that many who rejected on December 13 the Government-proposed regional list system or abstained will be prepared to support the additional member system now put forward.

The main argument against the regional list was that no MP would be directly answerable to a reasonably sized constituency and that it would give too much power to the party machines. But it was also conceded that the first-past-the-post system, still in the Bill, will produce grotesque results, the Liberals possibly having no representatives in Europe.

Therefore the Conservative group, led by Mr John Rathbone (Lewes), Mr Charles Morrison (Devizes), Mr Timothy Sainsbury (Hove), and Mr David Madel (Bedfordshire, South), proposes a compromise.

It would give 61 directly elected constituency MPs (the three from Northern Ireland being elected, as the Bill proposes, by the single transferable vote system) and 20 "additional members".

Those would be members from party lists, allotted in proportion to the total of votes cast for each of the parties in England, Wales and Scotland. It would certainly help the Liberals and minority parties unable to win a seat by the constituency decisions.

The exact method of allocating the seats has not yet been set down in an amendment.

It has been argued that the Commons has already settled proportional representation and that it must be left to the Lords to send back an amendment for the Commons to have second thoughts.

Mr Rathbone believes it is within the scope of clause 2 and of the first schedule of the Bill that the Commons should be able to consider a variation on the system.

"What seems to be forgotten is that the decision of the House on December 13 was to reject the regional list system, not to approve first-past-the-post", he said yesterday.

"Under clause 2, which has not been taken yet, it is important that the House should have the opportunity of considering a modification of the first-past-the-post system."

Most Conservative MPs, as well as some in other parties, who showed little enthusiasm for regional lists would be keen to adopt the additional member system.

"They recognize that the European Parliament is not a legislature; its powers are strictly limited, and therefore many of the arguments that people put forward against the use of proportional representation for Westminster elections do not apply to the European elections."

Mr Rathbone said that if Britain was to set an example to Europe it was crucial that the European Parliament should be seen to be democratically elected. There must be a reasonable representation of Britain's main political streams of thought.

The Conservative group can only hope that Mr George Thomas, the Speaker will call the amendments. He may decide that the issue has been resolved. Next they have to reckon with opposition to their delineation of the proposed 58 constituencies in Great Britain: 48 in England, instead of 66 in the Bill; six in Scotland instead of eight; and four in Wales.

The attempt to draw up European constituencies is similar to that being made by Mr John Roper, MP for Farnworth, and other pro-European Labour MPs.

Smoker-assembled cigarettes will be a fifth cheaper

By Patricia Tisdall

A type of cigarette that is about a fifth cheaper than any of its conventional equivalents was launched by Gallaher, one of Britain's three biggest producers, yesterday.

The smoker is required to perform the final stage of manufacture for himself, with the aid of a special machine.

The product has emerged because of the EEC-type tobacco tax structure that came into effect this month. Gallaher has used the new system, which taxes cigarette packaging and paper at the same rate as tobacco, to produce a new cigarette.

Mr Stuart Cameron, managing director of Gallaher's tobacco division, said it was intended to appeal to buyers of conventional cigarettes rather than to those who rolled their own.

The tax changes mean that although prices of king-size varieties remain the same, the smaller tipped types are going up from about 43p a packet of 20 to between 48p and 50p. By marketing filter-tipped cigarette "tubes" separately from the tobacco Gallaher has been able to produce a cigarette that will sell at about 39p for 20.

It will be available nationally, from January 16th and will be sold under the brand name "Custom". An introductory pack consisting of 20 "tubes", tobacco, a carrying case and a filling machine will be offered at 99p. The launch will be heavily advertised, at a cost of more than £1m.

Christmas bomb sent to charity

Forensic scientists examining a bomb placed Christmas wrapping outside the offices of Action Research for the Crippled Child Horsham, West Sussex.

It weighed about 3lb named a fictitious school as sender. It was discovered weekend. No motive is kno

Jail workshop ban

Prison officers in Parkh and Albany jails on the Isl Wight refused to man prison workshop yesterday support of their demand three free ferry passes to mainland each year for cars and families.

Tory dispute on joining anti-racialism group

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

Shadow ministers are involved in an argument on whether the Conservatives should participate in an all-party group to combat racialism. It is understood that the issue will be on the agenda for a decision when the Shadow Cabinet meets next week.

Mr John Moore, MP for Croydon, Central, a vice-chairman of the Conservative Party, was nominated to be the representative on the Joint Committee Against Racialism, but his attendance at the inaugural meeting before Christmas was blocked inside the Shadow Cabinet.

Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, and Lord Thorneycroft, chairman of the party, were among those who wanted more information about the new group before the party commits itself.

Senior Conservatives who believe that the party should be represented feel that it could be electorally damaging if the Shadow Cabinet decides to ignore the joint committee. It is felt that the immigrant vote might be alienated, particularly as the national committees of the Indian, Pakistani, West Indian and Bangladeshi communities are represented.

Other representatives include the Labour Party, Liberal Party, British Youth Council, National Union of Students, and Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Lord Thorneycroft, who is understood to be against party representation, has prepared a paper for Mr William Whitelaw, deputy leader and spokesman on home affairs, setting out the options. Mr Whitelaw supports the idea of Mr Moore's joining the committee.

In his paper Lord Thorneycroft acknowledges the electoral considerations but sets out the constitutional difficulties facing the party, which has never taken part in such national all-party campaigns in the past.

The Conservatives' stand against racialism is well known, it is being argued, and it might be self-defeating for the party to support a joint committee some of whose activities may not be in line with general Conservative philosophy.

Among the joint committee's objectives are to combat racialism and the growing support for racialist groups; and to promote racial equality.

£150 fine over cat

British Airways was fined £150 at Uxbridge Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, for flying a cat from Tel Aviv to London in a basket so small that the animal could neither stand up nor lie down properly.

School cuts reduced

Bedfordshire teachers have ended their refusal to cover for absent colleagues after the county council's reduction of budget cuts of £2.5m to £500,000.

Man in the news: Commander Nevill, head of anti-terror squad

'The old type of detective, a seasoned copper'

By Stewart Tendler

Commander James Nevill, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, now in the eye of the terrorist storm that has blown up on the London streets, is nothing like the volatile, flamboyant fictional detectives presented to the public in recent years.

A quiet, unassuming man, he seems to date from that previous image of the long-suffering, tenacious professional offering the fruits of experience rather than sharp suits and repartee. Indeed, many of Mr Nevill's senior colleagues regard him very much as "the old type of detective, the seasoned copper".

Mr Nevill, now aged 50, joined the Metropolitan Police in 1948 and began his detective's career at Wandsworth. He has spent much of his professional life working in and around central London. He was a sergeant in the Flying Squad, a detective inspector at West End Central police station and a detective chief superintendent at Cannon Row. He was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in the New Year Honours.

One of his former colleagues yesterday described him as the sort of officer capable of turning his hand to any type of case. He has worked on the forgery of £5 notes, the first murder by karate in Britain, a famous murder at the RAC Club and the security arrangements for Princess Anne's wedding.

He joined the bomb squad more than four years ago as detective chief superintendent, impressing other officers with his dedication to work, which, one of his friends said, "comes first, second and third with him". He is imbued with great patience. During the Balcombe Street siege in 1975 he waited at the end of a telephone for 12 hours every night in his role as one of the two negotiators.

When the siege was over Mr Nevill was able to call on his considerable reserves of energy and take part in more than 33 hours of gruelling interrogation in the days that followed. This week he will be working a minimum of 12 hours a day; sometimes staying on until late in the evening as inquiries unfold.

He has come through the bombing campaigns of the past few years, maintaining his equilibrium despite the pressures. Usually dispassionate, he was moved by the plight of the injured at the attack at the Tower of London and spent much time and care in talking to them afterwards.

Always spruce, he has become a familiar figure to journalists at the aftermath of terrorist attacks but he has never become a public figure. He still tends to shun publicity and remain in the background, although as a commander he is said to be firm and authoritative. Police officers who have known him during his career add that he is fair-minded and likable.

Married with two children, Mr Nevill keeps his personal life private. Although a Londoner by birth he was a horseman at one time. He remains keen on game shooting, another rural pursuit.

Widow of murdered PLO man fears more killings

By a Staff Reporter

Mrs Khalida Hammami, widow of the murdered London representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, spoke last night of her fears that other Palestinians might be murdered. "Palestinians all around the world know that their life is a target for assassination", she said.

Her husband had always felt safe in Britain and never carried a gun, she added. She will probably return to the Middle East with her daughter, aged 11, and son, aged eight.

The murder has brought condemnation from many quarters. The non-aligned group at the United Nations said it threatened all efforts to bring about a Middle East settlement.

The Foreign Office said that although the Government did not technically recognize the PLO, ministers were sadd by Mr Hammami's death.

Mr Christopher Mayhew, former Labour minister joined the Liberals in 1974, that Mr Hammami, a pers friend, was "one of the constructive and effective o PLO representatives".

Speaking from Cairo, du a Middle East tour, Mr hew said yesterday: "Pe ally, I think he should been given better protecti did raise the question of security with the Foreign retary when Mr Hamm came to London.

Mr John Ryman, Labour for Blyth, urged the Home retary yesterday to tighter security arrangements con ling the entry of aliens "the sixth cold-blooded der recently in London ciated with Arab politics".

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Skateboard promoters criticized

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents yesterday criticized skateboard promoters for their attitude to proper facilities for the sport.

It welcomed the decision of the police at Dudley, West Midlands, to prosecute 20 youngsters under a by-law designed to stop roller skating on rights of way.

Mr David Larder, the society's director of safety education, said it was not helpful to criticize local authorities over the lack of skate parks. He added: "The commercial providers have, with notable exceptions, done very little to aid the situation from profits associated with skateboarding." The society had drawn attention to the lack of facilities two years ago.

"Skateboard promoters, knowing the United States experience of enormous accident rise and public nuisance, went ahead and launched in large numbers a vehicle without brakes, lights, steering and warning system, virtually on to British streets. They also put it into the hands of Britain's most inexperienced drivers", he said.

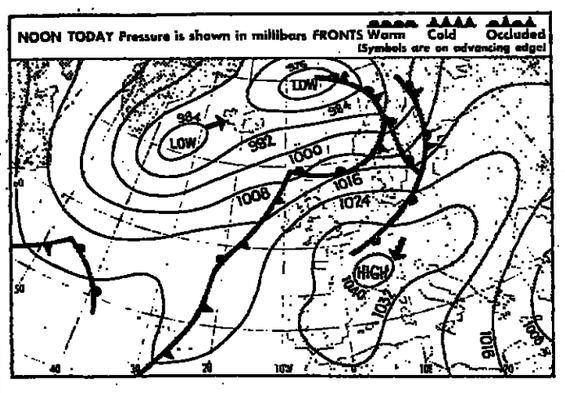
Mr Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leicester, West, is to demand extra government powers to make local authorities provide proper skateboarding facilities. He is to table a motion in the Commons next week.

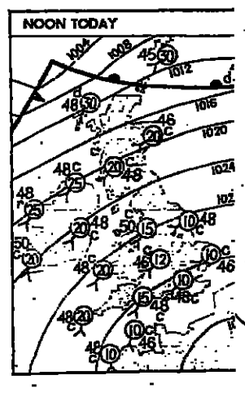
North Hertfordshire District Council has approved plans for a £70,000 skateboard park to be built on a 1½-acre site in the grounds of Knebworth House, near Stevenage.

Mr Barry Walsh, chairman of the National Skateboarding Association, criticized local authorities for their "short-sighted and negative attitude" in not providing facilities. "Every authority has land available that could be used", he said.

Andrew Tonge, aged 12, a skateboarder, of Higher Inco, Greater Manchester, is in hospital with a head wound after being involved in a collision with a car. His parents put his skateboard on the fire afterwards. His mother said: "He never wants to see a skateboard again."

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 8.5 am. Sun sets: 4.8 pm
Moon rises: 1.39 am. Moon sets: 1.55 pm
New Moon: January 9.
Lighting up: 4.38 pm to 7.35 am.
High water: London Bridge, 10.47 am, 6.6m (21.6ft); 11.29 pm, 6.9m (22.6ft). Avonmouth, 3.59 am, 11.1m (36.4ft); 4.32 pm, 11.6m (38ft). Dover, 7.58 am, 6.2m (20.4ft); 8.39 pm, 6.3m (20.6ft). Hull, 2.54 am, 6.4m (21.2ft); 3.35 pm, 6.7m (21.8ft). Liverpool, 8.19 am, 8.4m (27.7ft); 8.48 pm, 8.6m (28.1ft).

A mild dry SW air stream predominates.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, central S, SW England, Channel Islands, S Wales: Dry, bright periods; wind SW, moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

East Anglia, Midlands, E, central N, NE England: Dry, bright periods; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 10°C (50°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Dry, bright periods; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth: Dry, cloudy, rain at night; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland: Dry, cloudy, rain in evening; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, rain at times; wind SW, strong, locally gale force; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Dry and mild at first in England and Wales but becoming less mild, with rain; Scotland and N Ireland will have changeable weather with temperatures near normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind SW fresh, locally strong at first; sea moderate.

English Channel (E), St George's Channel: Wind S moderate or fresh: sea slight or moderate.

Irish Sea: Wind SW strong rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am 6 pm, 7°C (45°F); min, 6 to 6 am, 2°C (36°F). Humi 6 pm, 78 per cent. Rain, to 6 pm, trace. Sun, 24h 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea l 6 pm, 1,033.2 millibars, rising 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F
Aberdeen	r	11	52	Budapest	f	1	34
Algiers	f	16	61	Cardiff	r	7	45
Amsterdam	c	7	45	Cologne	r	−1	30
Athens	c	12	54	Copenhagen	c	0	32
Barbados	f	28	82	Dublin	r	7	45
Barcelona	f	11	52	Edinburgh	r	4	39
Belfast	c	8	46	Funchal	f	18	64
Berlin	s	−1	30	Geneva	s	1	34
Bermuda	s	17	63	Gibraltar	c	12	54
Biarritz	f	11	52	Guernsey	c	7	45
Birmingham	c	9	48	Helsinki	s	−15	5
Bristol	r	7	45	Innsbruck	sn	−1	30
Brussels	r	1	34	Istanbul	r	4	39
Jersey	d	5	41	Munich	s	4	39
Las Palmas	f	20	68	Naples	f	8	46
Lisbon	s	12	54	New York	f	3	37
Locarno	s	8	46	Nice	c	8	46
London	c	9	48	Oslo	sn	−2	28
Luxembourg	f	−2	28	Paris	s	4	39
Madrid	s	10	50	Rome	s	10	50
Majorca	f	15	59	Ronidswy	c	9	48
Malaga	r	15	59	Stockholm	s	−5	23
Malta	r	14	57	Venice	s	6	43
Miami	c	26	79	Vienna	f	−3	27
Montreal	c	−7	19	Warsaw	c	−1	30
Moscow	c	−2	28	Zurich	s	−1	30

s—blue sky; b—half cloudy; c—overcast; f—fog; d—dr sh—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—sn thr—thunderstorm; b—showers; periodical rain with snow.

Pay policy administered by secret diktat

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above). Mr Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said in a parliamentary written reply to Mr Latham.

In an exchange of letters, Mr Barnett justified his refusal to give all the information as "not likely to be helpful in persuading the firm concerned to renegotiate the excessive settlement".

It may seem unexceptionable for a Cabinet committee to be doing such work at a time when ministers are trying to outline the Government's plan for the indefinite continuation of a "voluntary" income policy. But the Cabinet has to do it because no one else will, in the sense that no one dares to revive unmentionables such as the relativities board and the prices and incomes board of such bitter memory for union leaders.

With the TUC refusing to have truck with any form of statutory wages policy, it falls to ministers to act, as one knowledgeable observer put it, like so many Aubrey Joneses. The reference was to the former Conservative minister appointed by a Labour Prime Minister to be chairman of the National Board for Prices and Incomes between 1965 and 1970.

Do the ministers, often groaning over sitting from 9 am into the evening, have much more effect? The short answer, offered informally, is that they have helped to hold the wages line in a way that amazes them.

The excessive settlement by Ford aside, the claim is made that some companies have been brought back into line as a result of the committee's admonitions. Two cited are British Oxygen, which suffered a damaging strike in the early autumn, and the British Sugar Corporation.

Presumably most of the hundreds reviewed comply, either with the rules or the guidance. As for sanctions, well, they are reserved, where possible, for those who refuse to comply.

It is admitted that ministers are irked at having to handle the minutiae of small fry agreements, such as Times Newspapers, perhaps. But their idea is to show that no one can count on slipping through what looks like a rather large-mesh net.

Our Political Correspondent writes: Mr Latham has demanded a freer flow of information about the activities of the committee.

"We know the names of four of the firms, three by accident, one by design", he said yesterday.

"Three we know about by accident because *The Sunday Times* got hold of a copy of an internal ministry of health publication marked 'confidential', which was most emphatically not publicly available.

"To my mind, the powers of discretionary sanctions are totally improper. They are subject to no arrangement for a proper hearing of the firm concerned. The meetings and decisions of the ministerial committee are in no way covered by the jurisdiction of the Council on Tribunals."

IBA commissions study of 19 radio stations

By a Staff Reporter

A study of radio broadcasting that will examine the relationship to the community of 19 independent radio stations has been commissioned by the Independent Broadcasting Authority from Mr Marshall Stewart, former chief editor of Independent Radio News.

It will take five or six months, but Mr Stewart hopes to have the groundwork finished in time for the publication of the White Paper on broadcasting, expected in March.

He is to examine ways in which radio stations, first set up commercially in October, 1973, have integrated themselves within their communities and report on aspects that could be of most long-term significance.

"I shall be looking at what are, in the main, thriving organizations", Mr Stewart said last night.

Sax draws with Petrosian and keeps chess lead

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Hastings

Sax, the Hungarian grandmaster, was still well in the lead in the premier chess tournament at Hastings yesterday. His game in round eight against Petrosian opened promisingly, but when an exciting position had been reached they agreed a draw.

Dzindzihashvili pressed Webb strongly throughout their game, but on adjournment it was not clear if he still had a real advantage.

The game between Nunn and Tisdall was postponed because of Nunn's indisposition.

The scores are: Sax, ½ Dzindzihashvili, 0 and 1 adj; Petrosian, 1; Speelman, 0; Farlan, ½ and 1 adj; Hort, ½; Mestel and Webb, ½ and 1 adj; Nunn, ½ and 1 postponed; Fedorowicz and Sveshnikov, 1; Hatterill and Shamkovich, ½ and 1 adj; Kagan, 1½; Tisdall, 1 and 1 postponed.

Results in round eight: Fedorowicz 1, Kagan 0, English op; Dzindzihashvili adj against Webb, English op; Sax ½, Petrosian ½, French def; Farlan adj against Hatterill, QP Nimzo-Indian def; Hort ½, Sveshnikov ½, QGD Slav def; Mestel adj against Shamkovich, Sicilian def; Speelman had the bye.

Adjourned games results, round seven: Sveshnikov 1, Karlan ½; Tisdall 0, Hort 1.

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Farm cleared of TB after 4,000 badgers are killed

By Derek Barnett

The mass slaughter of an estimated 4,000 or more badgers by cyanide gassing has cleared tuberculosis infection in a Dorset dairy herd, it was disclosed yesterday. Animal welfare organizations complained about the killings on a 3,000-acre farm whose herd was said in a ministry report, to be published on Monday, to have suffered the worst tuberculosis infection in Britain.

The farmer's name has not been disclosed because of the fear of action by some conservationists.

His herd has been free from infection for nearly 15 months after more than 6cwt of cyanide gassing powder was used to eliminated badgers from the farm's five square miles. It was the first project on such a scale in Britain.

Badgers were also prevented from entering the area from outside in the operation, which started in August, 1975, and cost about £55,000. A total of 626 cattle on the farm were killed and the farmer received about £79,000 in compensation.

Mr Kenneth Harrison Jones, south-western chief regional officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said he believed the tuberculosis had been cleared by eliminating it from the badgers and by killing the reactors or infected cattle. The evidence that the disease was communicated to cattle by the badgers was "very strong indeed".

Mr Jones added that a similar project was under way in 40 square miles around Thornbury, Avon, and there were other "fire brigade" projects in areas of bad infection.

Mr Harry Thompson, head of the ministry's biological research unit, said none of the other mammals examined on the Dorset farm had tuberculosis. If the area remained clear until January next year badgers would be allowed to recolonize.

Bovine tuberculosis was virtually eradicated from the national herd by the late 1960s after a £150m campaign involving the slaughter of reactors. But infection persisted and even increased in small areas of the South-west, and the badger became suspect.

The badger is protected under the Badgers Act, 1973, but the ministry can kill suspect animals to prevent disease from spreading.

Mr David Wilkins, RSPCA headquarters veterinary officer, said in London yesterday that the ministry had enlarged the area of elimination in the Dorset project before assessing the results achieved from slaughter in a smaller area. There was still doubt whether the badger was the culprit and it would be better to test live badgers before instead of after killing the animals.

Mr Wilkins gave the estimate that more than four thousand badgers had been slaughtered: the ministry refused to give a figure.

Mr Peter Roberts, secretary of Compassion in World Farming, said he did not believe badgers gave tuberculosis to cattle. Rather, he said, cattle infected badgers, which fed on dung beetles. Nor were herdsmen screened for tuberculosis.

The 1947 Cabinet records, 4: Planning for civil emergencies

Hard lessons learnt during blizzards and transport strike

By Peter Hennessy

There is nothing like a winter emergency to weaken the faith of the country in a government's ability to govern.

Thanks to a belt of high pressure moving south from Archangel across Scandinavia and into Scotland, drawing draughts of Siberian air in its wake, Britain had a monumental winter crisis early in 1947. There were power cuts and layoffs. Unemployment rose to 2,300,000 on February 22. In March the floods came.

Then, as now, Cabinet planning for natural disasters, and man-made ones too, was conducted in great secrecy. In 1947 it was the responsibility of the Industrial Emergencies Committee. In 1978 it belongs to the Civil Contingencies Unit in the Cabinet Office, which is at present preoccupied with the firemen's strike.

The minutes of that committee for January-April, 1947, make instructive reading. They show that what really rattled the Attlee Government was not just the fuel shortage and the terrible weather but the transport strike of January 6 to 18, when road hauliers came out in support of a shorter working week and brought the country to the cliff's edge several days before the blizzard struck.

Interviewed on Granada Television in September, 1965, Lord Attlee concealed the precarious reality of those days in a series of highly characteristic monosyllabic replies:

Question: I should like to bring you now to 1947, to the coal crisis. What exactly happened there? Why this tremendous shortage of coal?

Attlee: Bad weather.

Question: Do you think that your government dealt effectively enough with this?

Attlee: Yes, I think so.

Question: Did you ever consider calling out the troops?

Attlee: Good God, no. No occasion for it.

The minutes of a meeting of the Industrial Emergencies Committee on January 15, with Mr Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, in the chair, do not corroborate Attlee's sanguine recollections. It was clear that transport facilities provided by the Armed Services during the strike would soon prove quite inadequate for the shipment of essential supplies. A working party was set up to investigate the possibility of using volunteers. In the meantime civilian vehicles could be taken over by the Services.

The War Office and the Admiralty were instructed to consider the allocation of Servicemen to the maintenance of industrial equipment and for work at the docks and in cold stores.

A period flavour is provided by the reply of Mr George Isaacs, Minister of Labour, to a suggestion from Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, that displaced Poles might be used to maintain essential services:

The Minister of Labour and National Service said that he hoped that no overt use whatever would be made of Poles, although there was, of course, no objection to the Services using them for their own purposes in relief of British Servicemen transferred for work on connexion with the present dispute. He was confident that if anw overt use whatever was made of Poles any possibility of ultimately settling them in this country with cooperation of the trade union movement would completely disappear.

Chuter Ede prepared a memorandum for the committee's meeting of March 26, taking stock of the hard lessons provided by the transport strike, the snow and the floods. It might still make instructive reading for Mr Rees, the present Home Secretary, who chairs today's Cabinet committee, and Sir Clive Rose, who runs the Civil Contingencies Unit. Its viral paragraph states (the italics are Chuter Ede's):

There are thus only two alternatives. One is to make paper plans and rely on improvisation, including arrangements for recruiting volunteers, when the emergency arises. The danger of this course is that chaos may develop before the improvised arrangements can be brought into operation, and *there may be a temptation for persons with Fascist inclinations to usurp the Government's responsibility for maintaining essential services under the pretext that the Government had failed to take the necessary measures.*

The other alternative is to work out in advance schemes on the regional level. The creation of a field organization would involve instructing regional officials to work out specific plans in local consultation. Except as regards chief officers of police, it need not involve consultations with people outside government service, though limited unofficial consultations would be useful. This increases the risk that the preparations will become known, but in view of government action and statements during the recent transport strike, such a discovery is not likely to cause much surprise, and with the strikes fresh in their minds, the public would be less inclined to condemn preparation than the lack of it.

The matter reached full Cabinet on April 17. Sir Norman Brook, Secretary of the Cabinet, in a steering brief for the Prime Minister, supported the idea that the powers of the committee should be extended:

This extension—particularly if it is made when the dislocation caused by last winter's snow and floods is still fresh in the public mind—should make it easier for the Cabinet to sanction preliminary planning at the regional level. On the earlier occasion [March 1946. When the Cabinet last discussed it] they were influenced by the political risks of its becoming known, at a time when they were about to repeal the Trade Disputes Act, that they were preparing what might have been represented as a strike-breaking organization. There is less danger now of this organization being so represented—and less still if it is avowedly designed for all emergencies, whether or not they arise from industrial disputes.

As so often, the Prime Minister and Cabinet followed Brook's advice. A skeleton supply and transport organization was set up. The committee was renamed the Emergencies Committee and given increased powers. Its files continue into 1948 and are still, therefore, closed under the 30-year rule.

Concluded



Railway workers who were called out to clear the snow-blocked line near Stainmore, Cumbria, in February, 1947.

Fraud case man tried to kill himself

A member of a team of cheque forgers who obtained nearly £30,000 from banks in Europe tried to kill himself on Wednesday with a drug overdose and was involved in a car accident when his attempt was unsuccessful, it was stated at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Jack Parr, aged 57, a printer, said to have made the plates from which the cheques were forged, should have been in the dock on Wednesday with two other men and two women. But Det Sergeant Richard Cullen, of Romford forgery squad, said Mr Parr tried to commit suicide by taking 32 Vallium tablets with alcohol. When he awoke, he drove off and had an accident. He was arrested late on Wednesday.

Mr Parr, of Tooley Street, Southwark, was jailed for 12 months after pleading guilty to conspiring with others to defraud the Midland and National Westminster banks and forging a British visitor's passport with intent to defraud. He also admitted forging a document, purporting to be a Pitman typing diploma, with intent to defraud.

Two men were jailed for four and a half years and three years on Wednesday after admitting taking part in the conspiracy. Two women were given suspended prison sentences after pleading guilty in connexion with the conspiracy.

Mr Brian Leary, for the prosecution, said banks in seven countries paid out nearly £30,000 through the passing of stolen and forged cheques by members of the team. Mr Parr was the plate-maker in the team. He seemed to have dealt exclusively with a man named Victor Farr, aged 42, a printer, of Honour Park Road, Sydenham, who was jailed for three years on Wednesday.

Mr Kevin Winstain, for the defence, said Mr Parr had agreed to take part in the enterprise because he was down on his luck.

After Mr Parr had left the court, Judge Buzzard praised the officers whose efforts had led to the arrest of the team. He said they had caused that type of fraud on the Continent very largely to cease.

Surgeon defends practice of letting children die

From Our Correspondent
Nottingham

A woman surgeon yesterday defended the practice of allowing babies suffering from severe cases of spina bifida to die by withholding treatment.

Miss Margaret Mayell, a specialist in children's surgery at Nottingham City Hospital, was commenting on calls for an inquiry into the practice from some members of Nottinghamshire Area Health Authority.

She said: "The decision to discontinue treatment in cases of severely handicapped children was made only after long consultations with the parents concerned. It is a matter for the child's parents and should not cause disquiet among the lay public."

She said some lawyers considered that it was against the law deliberately to allow a baby to die by not taking measures to maintain life, but she had the support of leading child care specialists.

Three babies died in Nottingham hospitals last year after treatment had been withheld. Miss Mayell said she had allowed severely handicapped babies to die.

No investigation: The chairman of Nottinghamshire Area Health Authority said no investigation would be held because nothing illegal had taken place (the Press Association reports). Mr Richard Wilson told the authority's normal monthly meeting:

Although each of us may have personal views about some of the wider moral and ethical issues which have been raised, the only question about which the authority has a responsibility is to be satisfied that nothing illegal has occurred.

Having spoken to the consultants concerned I am completely satisfied that the issue is one of alternative medical management and therefore properly a matter of medical judgment and that nothing unlawful has taken place. In consequence no further investigation is called for.

Safety controls for sale of medicines

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Regulations bringing into effect the sale and supply of medicines under the Medicines Act, 1968, from February 1 were published yesterday. They are based on considerations of safety and of protection of the user.

A general sale list details medicines that may be sold other than in chemists' shops, prescription-only medicines, and unlisted medicines that may be sold at pharmacies under the supervision of a pharmacist.

The underlying principle of the regulations is that medicines should normally be sold through registered pharmacies.

Ten people in grounded trawler arrested

Nine men and a woman have been arrested on board the Conqueror, the Hull freezer trawler, grounded since early last week on rocks near Mousehole, Cornwall. They were granted bail to appear at a later date. The arrests were made after two police constables from Newlyn had visited the trawler.

The police said equipment and property from the ship valued at about £20,000 had been recovered from Newlyn and two other towns in west Cornwall. The ship's bell and chronometer are still missing.

The police said two boats were seen alongside the Conqueror and they had information that people were apparently loading equipment into boats alongside the trawler.

A Penzance shipping agent said eight men would be arriving on the scene today from the salvage firm of Surosalv, based at Felixstowe. They would examine the vessel with a view to salvage.

The ship was still in the hands of the owners and had not yet been accepted by the insurance agents, the agent said.

Children's group apologizes for mistaken report

By a Staff Reporter

The Child Poverty Action Group has admitted that it was mistaken in stating in a report in November, details of which appeared in *The Times*, that free dinner children were humiliated in a Kent school by being given tickets of a different colour from those given to paying children.

The organization apologized after Mr John Barnes, chairman of Kent Education Committee, had complained that the practice stopped five years ago. He said it was the committee's policy that special care must be taken in all schools to ensure that neither children nor parents were embarrassed over free school meals. Had the group checked with his committee it would have found that its policy was the same as the group's.

Miss Jan McClelland, branch organizer of the group, said yesterday that parents might give wrong information, and they apologized. The report was written in good faith.

Student alleges police assault during rag

From Our Correspondent
Sheffield

Paul Dunwell, aged 21, chairman of Sheffield Polytechnic rag committee, said at Sheffield County Court yesterday that during a rag stunt he was struck by a policeman and held for more than two hours.

Mr Dunwell, of Clovelly Road, Bridlington, North Humberside, lodging in Collegiate Crescent, Sheffield, sued the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire for wrongful arrest and assault. He claimed £500 damages.

Mr Trevor Barber, for Mr Dunwell, told Judge Cotton that Mr Dunwell had been struck in the mouth and right eye and his arm was forced behind his back for which he needed medical treatment.

Mr Barber said the incident arose from a rag stunt on October 14, 1976, when Mr Dunwell was assisted by about thirty people in erecting scaffolding on the roof of Sheffield Register Office at midnight. The police arrived.

The judge decided that there was no wrongful arrest or false imprisonment, but deferred judgment on the claim for damages for assault.

Trust is to run historic inn

The National Trust is to take over the Fleece Inn, Bretforton, Hereford and Worcester, bequeathed by Miss Lola Taplin, its landlady for 41 years, who died last July, aged 83.

The trust plans to run the public house, which dates in part from the fourteenth century, in accordance with Miss Taplin's wishes.

Inquiry on Scots education urged

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Conservative MP for Edinburgh, West, is to lead an all-party call for an inquiry into education for the 16-to-19 age group in Scotland.

He said yesterday that an inquiry would study the need to reduce unemployment among school-leavers who had low qualifications.

Kite injury

Patrick Street, aged 13, of Primrose Crescent, Thorpe, near Norwich, was taken to hospital last night after being lifted 20ft into the air by a kite that then plunged to the ground.

Call to police chief over Front meetings

From A Staff Reporter

Mr Colin Barnett, secretary of the North West Committee Against Racism, has asked Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, to impose provision of the Public Order Act against proposed meetings of the National Front in Hyde on January 26 and in Bolton on February 10.

A decision by Mr Colin Grantham, Conservative leader of Tameside Borough Council, to grant permission for a National Front meeting in Hyde Town Hall has caused surprise in the area in view of the difficulties arising from the affair there last October, and predictable anger from local Labour Party and trade union organizations. Both Hyde and Bolton are within the Greater Manchester police area.

Mr Barnett, who is also secretary of the North West Regional Council of the TUC, is calling on the mayors of Tameside and Bolton to intervene

Anthrax precaution

Nine Gloucestershire farmworkers have been inoculated against anthrax after contact with a diseased cow.

Council accused of connivance over footpath

From Our Correspondent
Wigan

Magistrates at Wigan, Greater Manchester, criticized Wigan Metropolitan Council for what was described as "connivance" in allowing housing development to obstruct a footpath, which they said was manifestly required.

They granted a Wigan council application for the closure of the path but said it had already been effectively closed.

The Peak and Northern Footpaths Society had objected on the ground that permission to build houses over the line of the path at Shevington, near Wigan, should never have been granted by Lancashire County Council in 1973. Mr Derek Taylor, for the society, said Wigan council was asking the court to "make legal an illegal act".

Mr Edward Hanley, presiding, said: "The footpath society was right to bring this matter into the open and to draw attention to what appears to us a clear disregard of the law by a number of people legally advised who should have known better."

£4,000 paid for Indian throne chair

At Sotheby's Belgravia the new year began with a very successful sale of oriental ceramics, works of art and furniture, which totalled £123,269 with 1.1 per cent unsold.

A Swiss buyer paid £4,000 (estimate £2,000 to £4,000) for a fine Indian silver-gilt throne chair, of about 1870, the silver hammered on to an elaborate hardwood frame.

A large Persian market canton bowl and stand, dated 1880, was sold to a Middle Eastern buyer for £3,400 (estimate £2,000 to £2,500) and a large late nineteenth-century Japanese bronze eagle alighting on a gnarled branch went to a London dealer for £3,000 (estimate £1,200 to £1,800).

Property firm offers trading stamps on home sales

By a Staff Reporter

A Winchester property company will offer 500,000 trading stamps to certain home buyers from next Monday.

Any purchaser of a home priced about £35,000 on any of seven sites dispersed about Britain will qualify for 250,000 Green Shield stamps, with another 250,000 if the deal is completed within a specified time.

The scheme is the idea of Mr David Wyatt, general manager of Amber Sitesale, of Winchester, who said he hoped to extend the offer in the next three to four months to three-quarters of the 110 sites for which he acts.

Green Shield Trading Stamps said it was the first time that trading stamps had been used in that way in the United Kingdom. It added that 500,000 stamps equalled 390 saver books, for which its catalogue offered a freezer and a cooker with stamps left for a refrigerator, or a washing machine, tumble drier and canteen of cutlery.

Film case solicitor now faces no charge

A statement about misleading reports of the case of Mr Howard Worth, a Nottingham solicitor, was made to Judge Marnan, QC, at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr Anthony Hidden, QC, defence counsel, referred to a Press Association report of court proceedings on Wednesday, reported in *The Times* and other newspapers, which had been erroneous in certain respects.

Mr Worth was convicted last summer at the Central Criminal Court of one charge of dishonestly receiving a copy of a feature film, *The Go Between*, the property of EMI Film Distributors Ltd, and on Wednesday was given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £250 costs.

Mr Hidden said the Press Association report of Wednesday's proceedings erroneously referred to further charges, instead of only one charge, which had been left outstanding after the trial last summer. That charge related to alleged conspiracy to defraud film companies by unlawfully infringing copyright.

The report also erroneously said that the charges had been adjourned indefinitely, when in fact the charge had been stayed on the ground that it was oppressive.

Mr Hidden said: "The absence of such a reference in the Press Association report inevitably causes it to be totally misleading to anyone reading it, and totally inaccurate." As it stood, the report suggested that at some time in the future Mr Worth might have to stand trial on that outstanding charge, in fact the matter had reached finality.

Mr Hidden also referred to a sentence to the effect that the police found at Mr Worth's home more than two-hundred feature films, about half of which had been stolen. That, counsel added, was totally inaccurate.

The prosecution opened its case on the basis that more than a hundred films found in Mr Worth's collection had been stolen and the prosecution charged 15 specific films in the indictment. But the evidence called in the trial did not establish that allegation, and Mr Worth was acquitted in respect of all but one charge.

Mr Hidden said the report had also failed to mention that in relation to the one charge of which Mr Worth had been convicted there was an appeal pending and that Judge Marnan had said he was sympathetic to that appeal.

Consultant's libel suit

Mr Roger Clements, a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, is alleging that he has been libelled in letters written by a member of an anti-abortion group.

In a forthcoming High Court action, Mr Clements, of Lanchester Road, Highgate, London, is claiming damages from Mrs Margaret Shovelton, formerly of Pinner Road, Pinner.

Incentive and equity in pay

Professor H. A. Turner discusses the competing demands of incentive and equity in pay in *The Times Higher Education Supplement* today. Maggie Richards reports on the failure of Manchester's adult literacy scheme, and why Professor Gould and his critics are wrong about Marxists in British universities.

"Mummy, Melanie says there's an awful smell from the freezer, and the pork pies are all runny..."

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HOME NEWS

Call to drop worship at beginning of each school day

From Stephen Cohen, of *The Times Educational Supplement*, Cardiff

The daily act of religious worship laid down by law for the start of every school day ought to be changed, the Assistant Masters' Association decided yesterday. It voted for the use of material on a variety of moral, cultural and religious themes instead.

The decision, during the association's conference in Cardiff, comes after two years of argument on the subject among the 40,000 members.

Mr David Wallington (South-west London) proposed that the association should adopt as policy the opinion that the school day should begin with assembly and not worship. Although a corporate act of worship could be a success in junior schools it was often meaningless and at worst a travesty in secondary schools.

Mr Wallington said teenagers became apathetic or rebellious towards religion. "We need something alive to show them that religion is not something dull but can be alive and life-enhancing. We need something more than dry, boring assemblies which can be of the dim and distant past."

Mr Laurence Smy (Bromley) said religious worship must be a voluntary activity. Compelling children to take part was indoctrination. Because services were so bad in schools, children were deterred from religion.

Mr Mark Stedman, assistant secretary, said after the debate that the association now believed the law should be changed in the interests of the children.

The association's survey of 1,000 secondary schools showed that many interesting ideas were being tried with success, including the use of stories and pop music as well as hymns. The survey also showed that 77 per cent of the association's members thought that a regular corporate act of worship should have a place in state schools, and 55 per cent thought it should be compulsory.

'Financial deprivation' threat to universities

From John Chartres
Manchester

It would be a tragedy if the excellence of British universities was damaged irrevocably by short-term financial deprivation, Sir Arthur Armitage, Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University, said yesterday.

Both he and Sir George Kenyon, chairman of the university council, criticized the present policies on academic salaries and high tuition fees.

At the annual meeting of the court of governors, Sir Arthur said that British universities were "low cost" on any criterion, and were the envy of the world. "What is needed now is not shortsightedness, but a policy that will maintain confidence and morale", he said.

"This means a rectification of the pay anomaly affecting university teachers, which common justice demands, and this remuneration at a level befitting the contribution they make to the country."

"Secondly, a thorough review of the Government's present policy on tuition fees was needed. The high fees inflicted hardship on numbers of self-financing students, posed a direct threat to the future of postgraduate studies, and discriminated against overseas students.

Thirdly, he added, it was important that finance should be provided at the level necessary to preserve the universities' standards of excellence in teaching and research, and that it should be provided over a reasonable planning period.

Sir George Kenyon said that the self-control and self-discipline of all members of staff during a very difficult period was greatly to be admired and respected.

"The vice-chancellor and I have said on many occasions that we think it is disgraceful that university academics should have been left behind, due to a series of more or less legalistic devices, and that they are receiving less in payment than many of their kind, when they not only have responsibility for teaching, but for administration and, above all, research.

"I very much hope that a way can be found before long of correcting the serious and unjust anomalies which have arisen in the past two or three years."

After the great expansion of the 1960s the present financial situation in universities made it difficult for academics to move and to be promoted. "Movement is not something which they take on lightly; it is an essential part of their development and training, and it is sad that they should be deprived of this."

WEST EUROPE

President deeply moved by visit to D Day sites

Carter vow on Omaha Beach to defend freedom of Europe

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Jan 5

For a deeply religious man like President Carter, with a strong Messianic sense of the American tradition of defending freedom, his visit this morning to the Normandy invasion beaches was obviously a deeply moving experience, and a gesture of symbolic importance.

He spent two and a half hours visiting Omaha Beach, scene of some of the fiercest fighting on D Day, and Bayeux, the first French town liberated from the Nazis.

The pilgrimage to the Allied invasion beaches was included in Mr Carter's French programme at his own request. His aim was obviously to remind his French hosts that in spite of Vietnam and other foreign policy failures, the United States had led the victorious crusade to liberate the Continent from the Nazi yoke in the past; and to reaffirm the American commitment to its defence in the future.

Normandy gave the American President a simple and kindly welcome. At the American cemetery of Colleville-sur-Mer, the largest in Western Europe, laid out in a magnificent setting on top of a cliff overlooking the sea and the immense stretch of yellow sand of Omaha Beach, they had converged in thousands to cheer him, waving little French and American flags.

It was the same in the villages along the 10-mile route between the cemetery and Bayeux; and in this little town, with its quaint old streets and gabled houses, the heart of provincial France, which appears to have come straight out of a novel by Balzac.

It was a pity, perhaps, that the exaltation by both President Carter and President Giscard d'Estaing, of the friendship of their peoples over two centuries, should have caused them to pass over in silence Britain's part in the 1944 invasion. Even the fact that Bayeux was liberated by British troops was never referred to by either of them.

It was also a pity that Mr Carter, perhaps out of excessive courtesy, should have drawn a parallel between the part of France in the American War of Independence, and that of the United States in freeing France from the Nazi yoke.

Both presidents landed in separate helicopters from Paris on the lawn in front of the American cemetery, where about 9,000 American dead are buried.

They inspected detachments of French and American troops, including 50 men of the United States First Infantry Division, which on D Day took part in the Omaha landing. Then they laid wreaths at the foot of the huge bronze statue of a man with his hands stretched up in supplication, a symbol of the sacrifice of free peoples in the cause of freedom.

Speaking first in French and then in English, President Giscard d'Estaing recalled how as a young man he had heard the news of the landing on the radio, and what pride and hope this had stirred in him. He recalled how 3,000 Americans had died on the beaches in the first few hours of the landings. France remembered and expressed her gratitude.

"Two centuries ago", President Carter replied, "France came to our shores to help give America freedom. Two centuries later we came to liberate France and Europe. We are determined that Europe's freedom should never again be in danger. We now have 200,000 men on European soil to make sure this threat is never before us again."

The two presidents moved over to the cemetery to pay a tribute of silence to some of the war dead, before taking a brief, unscheduled, walk alone along the cliff overlooking Omaha Beach.

They then drove to Bayeux where a large and friendly crowd awaited them in front of the town hall, bedecked with French and American flags, while two banners across the square read: "Welcome, Jimmy", and "Bienvenue Valéry".

President Carter was cheered as he kissed the Mayor's wife on both cheeks, and even more warmly applauded when he picked up and kissed a child who had presented a bouquet.

M Giscard again recalled the gratitude of Bayeux and all France for the sacrifices of D Day, the landings and their sacrifice.

He paid tribute to General de Gaulle, who had come there soon after D Day and reaffirmed the "recovered sovereignty of France"; and later, also in Bayeux had sketched out the new French Constitution.

It was his present function, M Giscard d'Estaing said, in a clear message to the Opposition, to defend that Constitution and guarantee the exercise of democracy.

Obviously affected by the warmth of the welcome, President Carter, in an improvised reply, said he had come to express the affection of America, "whose people love the French as much as they do themselves".

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OVERSEAS

Mr Ecevit includes 13 Government members from outside his party

From Sinan Fisek
Ankara, Jan 5

Mr Bulent Ecevit, the new Turkish Prime Minister, announced his Government after a few last-minute problems arose within his own social democratic Republican People's Party.

He had submitted an outline of his list to President Koruturk when one of the members of his new Cabinet, Mr Turan Gunes, a former Minister of Foreign Affairs, told him he would not accept the Justice post offered him.

Mr Ecevit had to make an eleventh hour change and two visits to the President before he could announce his list.

The Cabinet, criticized by members of the outgoing coalition Government for being less homogeneous than their own, included 22 members of the Republican People's Party, 10 Independents, two members of the Republican Reliance Party and one from the Democratic Party.

Political observers thought that, by including 13 outside ministers, Mr Ecevit was trying to minimize the risk of any defections that might endanger the slim, three-seat majority he holds in the volatile National Assembly.

Immediately after announcing his list, Mr Ecevit, who is 52, said law and order, foreign policy and economic matters would top his Government's agenda. He appointed a retired general, Mr Irfan Ozaydinli, to the Interior Ministry, and a former police chief and Interior Minister, Mr Necdet Ugur, to the Education Ministry, in an apparent attempt to curb political and university violence.

The programme of the new Government has to be read before the Upper and Lower Houses of the Turkish Parliament no later than a week after the Cabinet list is announced, according to the Constitution. Debates will be held after two full days after the reading and the confidence vote will take place a full day after that.

Observers expected the confidence vote to take place a week on Tuesday. As things stand, Mr Ecevit can count on the 213 votes of his party and of his ministers from other parties for a total of 226 seats in the 450-member National Assembly.

He may obtain the votes of two or three other Independents not included in the Government, but it is clear he does not want to rely on such possibilities.

The last time he sought a vote of confidence, after the general election of June 5, the Opposition toppled him with 229 votes.

The composition of the new Government is:

Prime Minister: Bulent Ecevit (Republican People's Party).
Vice-Premier: Orhan Eyuboglu (RPP).
Vice-Premier: Turhan Feyzioglu (Republican Reliance Party).
Vice-Premier: Faruk Sukan (Democratic).
State: Ilhmet Salih (RPP).
State: Enver Akova (Independent).
State: Lutfu Duran (RPP).
State: Salih Yildiz (Republican Reliance Party).
State: Ali Riza Septioglu (Ind).
State: Mustafa Kilic (Ind).
State: Ahmet Sezer (RPP).
Justice: Mehmet Can (RPP).
National Defence: Hasan Esat Isik (RPP).
Interior: Irfan Ozaydinli (RPP).
Foreign Affairs: Gundoz Okcun (RPP).
Finance: Ziya Muezzinoglu (RPP).
Education: Necdet Ugur (RPP).
Public Works: Serafettin Elci (Ind).
Trade: Teoman Koprulueler (RPP).
Public Health: Mete Tan (Ind).
Customs and Monopolies: Tuncay Malatyali (Ind).
Transport and Communications: Gunes Ongut (Ind).
Agriculture: Mehmet Yurcier (RPP).
Labour: Bahir Ersoy (RPP).
Industry and Technology: Orhan Alp (Ind).
Management: Kenan Bulutoglu (RPP).
Energy and Natural Resources: Deniz Baykal (RPP).
Tourism and Information: Alev Coskun (RPP).
Housing and Reconstruction: Ahmet Karnaslan (Ind).
Rural Affairs and Cooperatives: Ali Topuz (RPP).
Forestry: Vecdi Ilhan (RPP).
Youth and Sports: Yuksel Cakmur (RPP).
Social Security: Hilmi Isguzar (Ind).
Culture: Ahmet Taner Kislali (RPP).
Regional Administration: Mahmut Oydemir (RPP).

Settlements continue to spring up in Sinai

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, Jan 5

Israelis have started wo
preparing a number of ne
settlements and extendi
others already in existence
northern Sinai, territory ca
tured from the Egyptians in t
1967 War.

Bulldozers began breaki
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ranean coast.

The work apparently b
Government approval, in sp
of the fact that Mr Begin, t
Prime Minister, has offered
part of his peace proposals
return Sinai to Egypti
sovereignty.

It is a development t
seems likely to be particula
controversial in view of t
peace negotiations with Eg
due to begin in Jerusalem
January 15. Cairo has made
clear that it wants all Jew
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and Israeli military forces
be withdrawn.

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United Nations have express
strong disapproval of any set
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Begin assumed office in Ju
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It is also intended to mol
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Minister resigns: Mr Shm
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peace proposals, Israel ra
said.

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the question of self-determi
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which he said there could
no self-determination for th
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(David Watts writes fr
Cairo).

"We do not expect him
change overnight", said
spokesman. He felt there
been "a little difference
nuance" in the Israeli lead
statement. It was markedly
strident than the one after
earlier Soviet-American de
ration of similar tone. "Thi
a process that needs to simu
a bit", he added.

According to inforr
sources, President Sadat,
is seeking to consolidate s
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fly from Aswan to Khartum
a day of talks with Presid
Nimeiry of Sudan.

This will be followed
visits to Egypt by King Hus
of Jordan on Tuesday and
Shah of Iran, a week on S
day. King Hassan of Moroc
a strong supporter of the Sa
initiative, is due on Janu
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These meetings will set
scene for the next import
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tween Egypt and Isrial. This
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committee of the Cairo prepe
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middle of January when
Egyptians will seeking agr
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principles", through which
gyptian leader hopes ot
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Bonn debate sought on rejection of journalist

From Gretel Spitzer
Berlin, Jan 5

The West German Opposition has called for a Bundestag debate on East Germany's refusal to admit Karl-Heinz Vater, correspondent of the Hamburg news magazine *Der Spiegel*.

Herr Vater's accreditation as correspondent in East Berlin was approved last October. But the East German Foreign Ministry announced on Tuesday that he would not be admitted until *Der Spiegel* abandoned its practice "of poisonous, political propaganda" and made this known to the East German Government.

The East Germans have been particularly incensed by a report published last week by *Der Spiegel*, which said there was an active communist opposition within East Germany's ruling Socialist Unity (communist) Party.

The magazine published a manifesto which it said had been drawn up by this opposition. The manifesto opposed the Soviet system in East Germany; the one-party dictatorship; and the central control of party, state and society.

Apparently the report touched a sore spot, for the East German press responded immediately and angrily, accusing *Der Spiegel* of a "bad New Year's Eve joke".

It went on to allege that Ulrich Schwarz, the last *Der Spiegel* correspondent in East Berlin, was an agent of the Bonn intelligence service BDN.

So far the Bonn Government has contented itself with having its spokesman reject all charges and express its hope that accredited correspondents will not be subject to further false charges and will be allowed to work without interference.

It is the first case of this kind and Bonn wants to analyze all the legal aspects carefully before deciding on possible steps.

In the past two correspondents have been expelled: Görg Mettke of *Der Spiegel* and Lothar Löwe of West German Television. Other Western correspondents have got away with warnings.

Der Spiegel said that Herr Vater would try to enter East Berlin on Monday. Matters may be complicated because on the same day *Der Spiegel* is going on sale with the second part of the manifesto.

Fears of US-Soviet nuclear bargain

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Jan 5

Fears among America's Nato allies that crucial aspects of their security could be "bargained away" over their heads by President Carter in arms limitations negotiations with the Soviet Union are expected to dominate discussions between him and European Nato representatives here tomorrow.

Earlier Mr Carter will have talks with Mr Roy Jenkins, the President of the European Commission, mainly on trade, economic and monetary questions.

Concern has been aroused in European Nato circles by President Carter's remark in Warsaw that he was hoping for an agreement with the Soviet Union to follow up the second stage of strategic arms limitation talks (Salt) with wider ranging negotiations that would also cover tactical, or battlefield nuclear weapons.

The Europeans regard the 7,000 or so tactical nuclear warheads in the central European theatre as a vital part of their defence, offsetting in part the numerical advantage of the Warsaw Pact in conventional, non-nuclear arms. The Soviet Union's tactical nuclear capacity is believed to be much weaker.

The Europeans were caught off-guard by Mr Carter's initiative and have not even begun considering what bargain might be struck with the Russians about tactical nuclear arms. They are anxious that they should be consulted more fully than hitherto in any further stages of the Salt negotiations.

There is also concern, particularly in Britain and West Germany, that commitments accepted by Mr Carter in talks with the Russians might prematurely foreclose the Cruise missile option for the alliance. They consider that the American-developed cruise, a pilotless jet aircraft fitted with a nuclear warhead or bomb, would be a highly valuable addition to Nato's defences.

It is possible that President Carter may raise the question of the newly developed neutron bomb, which kills people within a limited range but leaves structures intact. The United States has made clear that a decision on whether to proceed with its production will depend on the reaction of its Nato allies. If the question is brought up, the Europeans seem certain to remain non-committal.

According to European Commission sources, Mr Jenkins, in his talks with Mr Carter, will elaborate on the role which he believes monetary union in Europe could play in restoring order to the international monetary system by providing an alternative medium of exchange to the dollar.



Mr Andrei Klymchuk arrives at Heathrow yesterday after five months in Soviet detention.

Student is 'happy to be free'

By Robert Parker

Mr Andrei Klymchuk, the British student who was arrested while on holiday in the Soviet Union last August, returned to Britain yesterday. He said that he had been treated well, but that he was happy to be home after his five months in detention.

Mr Klymchuk, the son of an émigré from the Ukraine who is a naturalized Briton, arrived at Heathrow on an Aeroflot flight from Moscow. He looked tired and pale as he was met by a barrage of reporters.

After being greeted by his father, he left in a car.

All he said was: "I have been treated very well. They looked after me very well but I am desperately happy to be home again. I am very exhausted. I have had enough in the last few days. I am very tired."

When he was arrested in Lvov, in the Ukraine, on August 1, the KGB (Soviet secret police) alleged that Mr Klymchuk was engaged in anti-Soviet activity and that he had the equivalent of £7,500 in roubles for organizing propaganda.

He was on a package holiday paid for by his father as a twenty-first birthday present, to visit relatives he had never seen.

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Radio series to teach process of democracy

By Kenneth Gosling

Children in secondary schools, whose low level of political awareness was reported by the Hansard Society last year, will have a chance to repair the deficiency in a series of 10 BBC radio programmes, beginning on Monday.

So far 1,500 schools have said they will use the programmes. Seven thousand copies of a booklet bearing the title of the series, By the People, For th e People, have been sold.

The aim of the programmes, explained at a press conference yesterday, is to stimulate interest in the democratic process and in government systems. They will begin by looking at community politics ("Why Doesn't Somebody do Something?"), and will later cover choosing candidates, a Bill's progress through Parliament, how an MP carries out duties, how a Cabinet minister lives and works, the machinery of government decisions, and conflicting views about the political system.

Union studies: A television course for trade unionists begins on BBC 1 next Sunday. Entitled Democracy at Work, it is the third and final part of the joint BBC-TUC trade union studies project first launched in 1976.

Minister wants all to know about science

From a Special Correspondent
Liverpool

Science education must be changed to ensure that in future everyone has a proper understanding of basic science, Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, told a conference of science teachers in Liverpool yesterday that she wanted the teaching of scientific concepts to begin in primary schools "and even in the kindergartens".

She is t ask the Association for Science Education to see what can be done to revolutionize the science teaching curriculum. She said it was essential to produce more scientifically educated people for industry and to ensure tha there were enough of them to carry out necessary scholarly research, "but I put that firmly n second place".

She was anxious to close the gap between the kind of mathematics taught in schools for examinations and the practical applied mathematics needed by young apprentices.

Underlining the need for everyone in society to gain an understanding of science, she said: "We need to demystify science so that even the people who do not understand it now can join in discussions among matters that concern them. This is esential if we are not to exclude an important part of society from democratic decision-making.

Mitterrand offer of power sharing is spurned

From Ian Murray
Paris, Jan 5

The renewed assertion yesterday by M François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, that he is ready to form a Government after the elections with the Communists seems, predictably enough, to have fallen on deaf ears. The Communist Party newspaper *L'Humanité* today damns the Socialist leader's conciliatory tone in an editorial under the headline "Tinkering in the last quarter of an hour."

In its news columns it claims that the Socialist Party has now completely abandoned the Common Programme forged between the two parties in 1972. The "common programme" published unilaterally by the Socialist Party yesterday, it says, is condemned in advance to fall under the rules of big business.

M Mitterrand has made one big concession in his party's common programme by agreeing with the Communists that the level of the monthly basic wage should be raised to 2,400 francs (£266). He has also added that he still believes it would be possible to reach some agreement on the main outstanding issue—how many firms should be included in the nationalization programme of the left.

But the Communist position is that M Mitterrand is simply not prepared to go far enough to change society. He has said he will not make promises he cannot keep; the Communists have said they will not make promises they do not believe in.

52 die in 'Ethiopian napalm raid'

Khartum, Jan 5.—Ethiopian MiG21 aircraft carried out two days of napalm and strafing attacks earlier this week on five towns in Eritrea, killing 52 people and wounding more than 150, the Sudanese newspaper, *Al Ayam* said today.

In the past month forces of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front and the rival Eritrean Liberation Front have strengthened their hold on all but two towns in the province.

At Asmara, the provincial capital, the insurgents claim to control the airport and to have severed ground communications curting the town off from reinforcements and supplies.

At Massawa on the Red Sea, they are besieging the port and expect to occupy the town in the near future.

Al Ayam said that the heaviest damage in the air raids was at the town of Tessenei, near the Sudanese border, where 22 people, including three children were killed and 29 injured.

A Swedish television reporter was quoted as saying that £150,000 worth of television equipment belonging to his station was destroyed.

The newspaper said that Ethiopian aircraft had also attacked the towns of Keren, Agordat, Mindiera and Haicotta, killing more than 30 people and wounding m than 120.

Somali insurgents fighting the Ogaden region report killing 150 Ethiopian soldi at the town of Grewa in E rer province.—UPS.

Nairobi: Mr Baalu Girma, t Ethiopian acting Minister Information, today denied t Eritrean guerrillas had clo the airport in Asmara w artillery fire.

He said by telephone fr Addis Ababa: "A worki group from my ministry fl to Asmara this morning. T airport is functioning n mally."

All-day, 50-week education predicted by inspector

From Bert Lodge, of *The Times Educational Supplement*
York

Schools open all day for 50 weeks of the year were predicted at the North of England Education Conference at York yesterday. A system in which pupils would be admitted, transferred or permitted to leave at varying ages and with more importance attached to their records than to examinations was also envisaged.

Mrs Joan Dean, chief inspector said a longer school day with teachers and students doing two sessions of three was possible now at secondary level. With adults returning to school to study, it would be a more economic use of plant and would bring the outside world into school.

The present system of recording a child's progress in relation to others by examinations was inadequate and meant that the lowest-ranked gave up the effort. A continuous record of study was needed to complement examination results.

Mrs Dean called for expansion of self-teaching by pupils using audio-visual and, eventually, computerized equipment. She said schools were now recognized as the starting point for life-long education and getting pupils into the habit of self-instruction was the way to produce adult learners.

Individualized learning would also lessen the importance of organized study by age group.

"There would be no real reason why starting, leaving and transfer dates should be as firmly fixed as now. It might be easier to absorb a new group of children each term rather than each year."

Mr Kenneth Stott, head of St Aidans Church of England High School, Harrogate, told the 350 delegates that a decision on examinations for the over-16s was needed now. Since the raising of the leaving age there was a need for a qualification for non-academic sixth-form pupils, perhaps staying on to do a one-year five-subject course.

Mr Stott said the place for over-16s was in school sixth forms and not in a sixth-form college because continuity was destroyed if pupils transferred to a new institution at 16.

Sicilians want to know why their rain does not fall on just and unjust alike

Palermo, Sicily, Jan 5—The first heavy rain for almost 10 months fell here today, but officials said it would take two weeks of non-stop rain to replenish the city's depleted water stocks.

The authorities, however, have ordered an inquiry into allegations that the Italian Government and the Mafia are as much to be blamed as the drought itself for the chronic shortage in Sicily.

People took to the streets recently in "thirst marches" and a Sicilian journalist asked Signor Andreotti, the Prime Minister, recently, how he planned to tackle the problem.

The journalist alleged that Messina, with 250,000 inhabitants, had been short of water for years "simply because there were no pipes linking two aqueducts, one of which was state owned and the other privately-owned."

"It would take the Army only three months to lay the eight miles of piping needed," he said.

For the 800,000 inhabitants of Palermo, the health risk due to the shortage is worsening.

About 40 per cent of the city's water is lost by decaying pipes at Caltanisetta, in the centre of the island. Drainage and drinking water often mix because of seepage.

For months dozens of villages only had water supplied from a mobile tank. Local mayors had threatened to boycott November's administrative elections if the water problem was not solved, but lost their only weapon when the elections were postponed.

In Palermo the magistrates' courts halted construction of a new aqueduct because of corruption involving 35,000m lire (£20m) over contract tenders.

The communist daily *L'Unità* condemned the situation, pointing out that 600 men working on the aqueduct had been forced to down tools when they were "prepared to work 24 hours a day to get the water to flow at last".

Sources here claim that the Mafia is behind the corruption and point to the large number of the 1,500 privately-owned wells which are running normally.

Signor Carmelo Scoma, mineral water has become a mayor, has decided to requisition the private wells and Sicily's regional Government has announced new funds to modernize the water system.

Sicilians are sceptical, however. Rome has for four years been promising them 12,000m lire, which would bring them running water.

In the meantime, a bottle of mineral water haas become a luxury product selling at 4,000 lire (nearly £2). While the taps are dry in homes in Palermo's most populated districts, those in the fine baroque palaces in the centre are still running.—Agence France-Presse and Reuter.

How Korchnoi stemmed tide of reverses

Belgrade, Jan 5.—Viktor Korchnoi drew his fifteenth games with Boris Spassky last night, stemming the tide of recent reverses.

He now leads 8—7 in the final candidates' match which will decide who will play Anatoly Karpov, the world chess champion.

Moves in last night's game were:

	White, Korchnoi.	black, Spassky.
Queen's Gambit.		
1	P-Q4	P-Q4
2	P-QB4	P-K3
3	Kt-QB3	P-QR4
4	PxQP	KtxQP
5	Kt-B3	Kt-QB3
6	P-KKt3	Kt-B3
7	B-Kt2	B-K2
8	Q-Q2	B-K3
9	PxP	PxP
10	B-Kt5	Q-Q2
11	Kt-K1	B-Kt2
12	BxKt	BxB
13	Kt-B3	P-KR3
14	Kt-Q5	KtxKt
15	Kt-B4	B-KB3
16	R-Q1	Q-Q
17	Kt-K5	B-Kt4
18	Q-Q3	Q-K2
19	KR-Q1	Kt-Q1
20	P-KR3	B-R5
21	KtxP	QxKt
22	RxKt	BxP
23	BxQ	RxQ
24	Kt-Q5	R-Kt
25	RxP	R-Q
26	P-K4	B-Kt6
27	Kt-B3	B-B5ch
28	K-R2	BxR
29	PxB	R-Q7
30	P-Q5	RxKt
31	RxR	R-Q2
32	R-Kt7	K-Kt
33	R-Kt7	P-B4
34	P-Q6	drew

Koch pledge over threat to close Radio City

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Jan 5

New York's Radio City Music Hall, the largest cinema in the world, will close in April. This was announced today by Mr Alton Marshall, the company president, but afterwards Mr Edward Koch, the new Mayor, said he would do all he could to keep open one of the city's best known landmarks.

Several previous threats to close the 45-year-old cinema have been made in the past 15 years. Last year employees agreed to accept a 10 per cent wage cut to keep it open.

This time, however, things look grave. Mr Marshall said that if it were kept open during the whole of this year, t cinema would lose $3.5m (abc £1.8m). Millions of dollars h already been lost in rece years, as fewer and few people patronized the hall.

Apart from being the worl largest cinema, with 6,200 sea Radio City is also the last pla continuing to show family fil combined with a stage sho The show featured the Roc ettes, the famous long-legge chorus line.

At Christmas and Easter the were religious pageants of gooey sentimentality which a pealed to few and fewer peopl Now there are plans to conve it into either indoor tenn courts or a shopping centre.

Dr Owen in Kenya

Nairobi, Jan 5.—Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, on holiday on Kenya's Indian Ocean coast, paid a courtesy call on President Kenyatta in Mombasa today and both expressed satisfaction with the relations between Kenya and Britain.

Mass rail refund

Tokyo, Jan 5.—Japan Nation Railways today paid the equivalent of nearly £500,000 in hal fare refunds to 50,000 passengers stranded last night afte an electric fault halted the high speed "Bullet" train system.

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Chile willing to allow 'objective' UN inquiry

Santiago, Jan 5.—Buoyed by victory in yesterday's national referendum, President Pinochet of Chile, said today he would allow the United Nations to make an on-the-spot "objective" investigation of alleged human rights violations in his country.

General Pinochet said he had signed a letter to Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, saying that a United Nations committee could come to Chile "provided it agrees to work under objective norms".

It was a reversal of his statement to a victory rally last night that Dr Waldheim would be told "we do not want any more committees to investigate us".

The results today from all but 522 of about 24,250 polling booths showed a voter turnout of 88 per cent, with more than 75 per cent of them casting their votes in favour of General Pinochet "in his defence of the dignity of Chile in the face of international aggression".

About 20 per cent of the ballots were against him and about 5 per cent were blank or annuuled.

President Pinochet announced the referendum on December 21, six days after the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution condemning Chile for alleged violation of human rights.

The referendum announcement set off the biggest political dispute in the country since the armed forces overthrew the Marxist Government of President Salvador Allende in September, 1973. They believed the referendum results would be greeted with scepticism everywhere; the Roman Catholic church hierarchy called for its cancellation or postponement; and the banned Christian Democratic and Socialist parties urged people to vote "no".—**Florencia Varas writes from Santiago:** The outcome of the poll strengthens General Pinochet's Government and will bring changes both in internal and external policies.

Within the country, as the President stated last night after the first results were known, there will be no elections for the next 10 years. Repression is also likely against the Christian Democratic party, which has been blamed for providing the information used by the United Nations' committee on human rights to build a case against Chile.

In a declaration today the Christian Democrats stated: "Nobody who knows what a democracy is will grant any validity to a plebiscite held under state of siege and where all personal guarantees and freedoms are suspended."

However, they did believe that the plebiscite served "to break the political silence after four years of military dictatorship".

Peter Godfrey writes from Puerto Montt: President Pinochet won his victory over an opponent at best mute and at worst invisible.

The equation of the military Government with patriotic spirit was the cornerstone of the referendum campaign, which reached saturation point throughout Chile.

In addition to the President's long television speech in Valparaiso on the eve of the poll, there were three pictures of him on consecutive pages of the Santiago daily newspaper, *El Mercurio*, yesterday. Another showed a "disorderly gathering of socialist sympathizers" giving a "threatening clenched-fist salute".

The outcome of the vote was described by a television commentator as "victory of truth over lies, of good over evil".

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General Pinochet triumphantly addresses supporters as returns confirm a sweeping vote in favour of his policies.

Vietnamese nearing Cambodian capital

Bangkok, Jan 5.—Vietnamese troops have apparently advanced to within 35 miles of Phnom Penh, threatening Cambodian supply routes, Thai intelligence sources said today.

Reports, which the sources said were sketchy, indicated that the Vietnamese were gradually taking over the area round Neak Luong, on the Mekong river, near Phnom Penh.

Near Luong lies astride Highway 1, the main supply route to the "Parrot's Beak", an 800-square-mile Cambodian area jutting into Vietnam, which was reported to have been captured by the Vietnamese.—UPI.

Neil Kelly writes from Bangkok: Political events in Phnom Penh, could be more significant than the conflict with Vietnam; according to diplomats in South-East Asia and Peking.

They suggest that the fighting may be in part a diversion to shift attention from a power struggle between the Government and the military leaders.

At a press conference last weekend in Peking, Mr Pich Cheang, the Cambodian Ambassador denied any disagreement between the Government and the military but acknowledged that there were "some traitors collaborating with the Vietnamese."

Hungary regains its ancient symbol

Crown goes back to St Stephen's land

From Dessa Trevisan
Budapest, Jan 5

The Crown of St Stephen, the 1,000-year-old symbol of Hungarian nationhood kept in American custody since the Second World War, arrived by air here late tonight accompanied by a strong security force. Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, will follow tomorrow for a will follow tomorrow for the handing over ceremony.

The United States delegation will be a large one with Senators and Congressmen, diplomats and private citizens to give an air of special significance as the return is not only a gesture to the Hungarian people but also to the Government, which is the most liberal in the Soviet block.

As recently as a week ago it was uncertain whether President Carter's decision to return the crown and the coronation jewels to Hungary would be carried out as several Congressmen contested the decision and took it to the Supreme Court. However, the Supreme Court refused to stop the return.

Despite the Government's satisfaction here with President Carter's action, the newspapers have taken pains to tone down emotional or political aspects of the event. The crown is a symbol not only of Hungarian statehood but also of Hungarian Christianity.

Throughout its 1,000-year history it has changed hands, being stolen by invaders, hidden by Hungarians and, at the end of the Second World War, taken to Austria where it was handed over to the Americans.

After 33 years abroad, the crown now will go on display in Budapest. But until the last moment the return was the subject of protests by some expatriate Hungarians.

The United States says that the crown is not being returned to the Communist regime but to the Hungarian people, though it is evidently the regime's record of tolerance that has led to this decision.

Marxist scholars dubious about relic's origins

By Gabriel Ronay

The Holy Crown of Hungary about to be returned to Budapest is not St Stephen's Crown, according to a group of Marxist art historians and constitutional lawyers.

St Stephen's Crown, sent as a coronation gift by Pope Sylvester II to Hungary's first Christian ruler in the year 1000, was lost in the battle of Menfö against the Germans in 1044, they maintain, and the crown that has become the embodiment of Hungary's Western-orientated statehood dates from a later date.

They partly base their startling claim on research by earlier experts whose findings, they state, were not allowed to spread under the monarchy and the regency of Admiral Horthy.

The upper part of the crown, known as Corona Latina, dates from the end of the twelfth century and was originally fashioned as a lady's crown, it is alleged. "Virtually no modern researcher would date the upper crown to St Stephen's period", one historian says. The enamelled pictures decorating it probably date from about 1180-1200.

The lower part, known as the *Corona Graeca, was presented* by the Byzantine Emperor Michael Ducas in the 1070s, and was welded to the upper part, certainly before the thirteenth century.

However, outside this coterie the view is firmly held that the crown is indeed St Stephen's. It is generally admitted that Stephen's crown was probably captured by Henry III at Menfö, but advocates assert that it was then sent on to the Pope who in due course returned it to the King of Hungary.

The legal powers with which the crown has been endowed during the past millenium indicate that the dispute about its authenticity is not the usual quibbling of academics but an issue of great relevance for the present regime.

Far from being a mere relic of the now defunct monarchy, St Stephen's Crown is "the sole embodiment and fount of executive power".

The Americans opposing the crown's return point out that, in the absence of St Stephen's Crown from Hungarian soil such changes as the abrogation of the monarchy or the establishment of the people's democracy are null and void.

But one the crown is on Hungarian soil, the regime established with the help of the Soviet Army can use it to legalize these changes and lend legitimacy to communist rule, they fear.

Carver mission puzzles Rhodesia

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, Jan 5

The Rhodesian Government is mystified by the visit by Lord Carver and Lieutenant-General Prem Chand to Mozambique. It is concerned that it may mean the British Government is trying to interfere with the internal settlement talks it is holding with three internal African nationalist groups.

Officially Lord Carver, the British Resident Commissioner-designate to Rhodesia under the Anglo-American White Paper published last September, and General Chand, the United Nations special representative, are visiting Mozambique at the invitation of the Government of President Machel.

There is speculation here, however, that the British may use the occasion for Lord Carver to push the claim of the Patriotic Front, whose leaders, Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe, want to wrest control here through their guerrilla forces.

Already one Rhodesian minister, Mr André Holland, the Deputy Minister of Information, has suggested that while in Mozambique Lord Carver might want to meet Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe in an attempt to involve them again in settlement talks.

Mr Holland said a more disturbing aspect of the Carver-Chand visit was reports that the Mozambique Government planned to take them to the Chimoio area. It intended to show them fabricated evidence of alleged Rhodesian massacres and so-called proof that Rhodesian security forces attacked a refugee camp and not a guerrilla base, as claimed by the Rhodesians.

Mr Holland said guerrilla leaders had admitted on British television that the Chimoio camp was a military one.

A spokesman for the Zimbabwe United People's Organization said the Carver-Chand visit was part of the British *divide-and-rule policy. Mr Gibson Magaromombe is publicity* secretary, who as a delegate at the Salisbury talks said the British should decide once and for all whether they support the internal talks or a military solution.

The aim of talking to the Patriotic Front at this critical moment was to divide the nationalists further and thus perpetuate the minority regime of their kith and kin. In the past the British have always sabotaged talks whenever a settlement seemed in sight, he said.

Two Coloured soldiers, a black civilian and a black policeman, were killed last night when a three-man guerrilla gang attacked beer halls in the small town of Norton, 30 miles west of Salisbury.

Reports said the raiders first threw a grenade into a beer hall and did some damage and injured some people, and then threw another grenade into a second beer hall. The civilian and the two off-duty soldiers were killed.

S African editor pledges to fight on

Lusaka, Jan 5.—Mr Donald Woods, the escaped South African editor, said today he regretted not being able to continue the fight at home but vowed to maintain pressure on the Pretoria Government.

Mr Woods, who arrived in Lusaka yesterday from Botswana on the way to London, was speaking to President Kaunda of Zambia.

Dr Kaunda praised Mr Woods, the former editor of the East London Dispatch as "a fighter for peace, freedom and social justice. You stand for a principle which we share. You stand for something noble", the President said.—Reuter.

Ray Kennedy writes from Johannesburg:

Two crude attempts were made by the South African authorities to suppress news of the escape by Mr Donald Woods, the banned editor; it was revealed today.

Under South African law a banned person may not be quoted locally. The question that has never been properly solved is whether reporting speech by a banned person abroad over local telephone wires constitutes a breach of these regulations.

On Saturday, when news of Mr Woods's escape to Lesotho became known, the American Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) was told by the state-controlled South African Broadcasting Corporation that the normal satellite hook-up facilities were not available to transmit an interview with Mr Woods in Maseru, the Lesotho capital.

Mr Kobus Hamman, the SABC legal adviser, confirmed the ban today

At the same time the Associated Press bureau in Johannesburg sent a picture related to the Woods story to the Johannesburg general post office for regular transmission but post office workers refused to send it. It was eventually sent after a considerable delay.

Activist flees: Mr Mohamed Timol, chairman of the Multi-Racial Human Rights Committee who was declared a banned person here, has fled South Africa, it was reported in Johannesburg today. He is the younger brother of Ahmed Timol, who fell to his death from the tenth floor of Johannesburg police headquarters in 1971.

Clemency petitions for black 'Robin Hood'

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, Jan 5

A remarkable campaign is under way in South Africa to save a black policeman-turned-bank robber from the gallows. Several prominent blacks—including Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the Zulu leader, the Rev Sam Buti, president of the South African Council of Churches, and Mr David Thebehali, a former "mayor" of Soweto—have indicated their support for clemency petitions.

The man waiting in the death block at Pretoria's maximum security prison is Warrant Officer Edian Ntuli. A former detective with the East Rand murder and robbery squad, he was sentenced to death last May for "robbery with aggravating circumstances". His appeal was rejected in November.

The sentence arose from an attack on two white security guards outside a bank in Nigel, east of Johannesburg, during which £80,000 was stolen. Mr Ntuli was also found guilty on 20 charges of robbery, housebreaking and attempted murder.

Mr Ntuli is becoming something of a folk hero among blacks. He is being portrayed by them as a Robin Hood character who robbed the rich (whites) to help the poor (blacks).

There was nothing to suggest during Mr Ntuli's court case that he was in any way politically involved, apart from the fact that he was initially detained under the Terrorism Act, which is used for political cases.

Nor has any evidence been produced subsequently to show that he was inspired by political rather than mercenary motives. However, this has not stopped many blacks from believing that a substantial part of the hundreds of thousands of pounds which he helped to steal has found its way to South African political organizations overseas.

Prague bouquet of barbed wire for Mr Dubcek

Prague, Jan 5.—The Czechoslovak Communist Party newspaper *Rude Pravo* today marked the tenth anniversary of Mr Alexander Dubcek's election as party leader but dismissed his short-lived progressive era as a betrayal of workers and communism.

In a full page editorial it said that the Central Committee's plenary session which ended in Mr Dubcek's election had a "significant place in the modern history of our party and socialist society".

The removal of Antonin Novotny, the Stalinist hardliner, and his replacement by M Dubcek had been an attempt to "overcome the crisis in the party and society". But it said Mr Dubcek, whose reforms were crushed by Soviet tanks on August 21, 1968, had been incapable of "safeguarding the resolutions of the January plenum and of defeating the frontal attack of the rightists".

He was an "incompetent and irresponsible person . . . who in the end betrayed the cause of the working class and the socialist state".

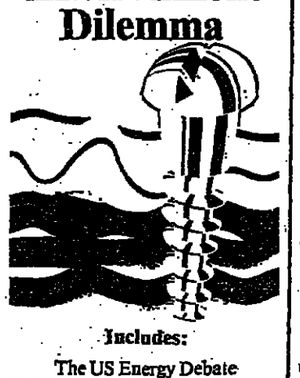
It claimed that Mr Dubcek's betrayal had been "understood by those Communists and honest citizens who remained true to the ideals of socialism and turned for help to our allies and friends. The Soviet Union and four other socialist countries gave this help.

"Today, with a period of 10 years behind us, we realize especially clearly the tremendous positive importance of these necessary steps", it added. Reuter.

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In brief

Restrictions on aliens in Greece

Athens, Jan 5.—Greece is to restrict the granting of residence and work permits to foreigners in an effort to curb crime.

Officials meeting at the Ministry of Public Order decided that permits will not be renewed unless the aliens had a valid reason for remaining in Greece. New permits will be granted only in cases of absolute necessity.

Concorde ban

Jakarta, Jan 5.—Tan Sri Manickavasagam, the Malaysian Communications Minister, said here his country could not give permission for Concorde to fly over its territory before it had studied environmental questions.

Belize intentions

Clarification of Britain's policy on the colony of Belize has been requested by Mr Richard Luce, an Opposition spokesman on Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, in a letter to Dr Owen, the Secretary of State.

Lagos bus strike

Lagos, Jan 5.—Many Lagos offices were half-empty as private buses stayed off the roads in retaliation against a government ban on raising fares. Fares on state-run buses doubled on New Year's Day.

Hostage killed

Bogota, Jan 5.—Kidnappers shot and killed their handcuffed victim, a 20-year-old student, in a gun battle with police. One policeman was killed but the four kidnappers were captured.

Malaysians who help refugees to land face jail

Kuala Lumpur, Dec 5.—Anybody who helps a Vietnamese refugee to land in Malaysia "will be charged with abetting illegal immigrants," the Malaysian Government announced yesterday. The penalty could be several months in jail, depending upon the judge's discretion.

An estimated 3,000 Vietnamese refugees are still in Malaysia three months after the Government declared them illegal immigrants.—UPI.

Australian plan: Australia will select between 300 and 400 more Indo-Chinese refugees who are now in Malaysia for resettlement over the next two months, an Immigration Department spokesman said tonight.

By March, Australia would have received about 6,500 Indo-Chinese refugees in the past two-and-a-half years.—Reuter.

Christmas bomb failed to go off

Johannesburg, Jan 5.—Police bomb disposal experts today detonated a device wrapped in holly-decorated paper and discovered among parcels left over in a Johannesburg shop after the Christmas rush.

The bomb had apparently been intended to explode when the shop was crowded with pre-Christmas shoppers but its timing apparatus failed.—Agence France-Presse.

Geisel choice of successor upsets Brazilian forces

Brasilia, Jan 5.—President Ernesto Geisel announced today that he had chosen General Joao Baptista Figueiredo, his intelligence chief, to succeed him as Brazil's next head of state.

General Geisel made the announcement to leaders of the Government-sponsored National Renewal Alliance Party in the presidential palace. Acceptance of his choice was regarded as a formality. He also nominated Senhor Aureliano Chaves, state governor of Minas Gerais, as the future Vice-President.

The selection of General Figueiredo to succeed in March, 1979, has stirred unrest in the armed forces, which have ruled Brazil since 1964.

Unofficial reports of General Geisel's intention yesterday prompted the resignation of General Hugo Andrade de Abreu, head of the President's military household.

No reason for his departure was given but political sources said he was disturbed that he had not been consulted

Since the military came to power, presidents have been selected at secret meetings of the armed forces high command. President Geisel, however, emerged strengthened from a split in the Army last October when General Sylvio Couto Coelho de Frota, the hard line Army Minister, challenged presidential authority and accused the Government of going soft on left-wingers.

The President dismissed General Frota

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Mr Callaghan tells Bangladeshis that laws affecting immigrants are domestic matter for Britain

From Richard Wigg
Dacca, Jan 5

Mr Callaghan made clear here today that it was for British laws and British courts to take care of any difficulties over Bangladeshi immigrants in Britain as he ran into allegations of harassment and racial discrimination against the immigrants.

When one reporter asked if there was any possibility that the National Front's activities might be restricted in Britain, Mr Callaghan shot at him: "These are domestic questions and I will deal with them in the British Parliament and not in Bangladesh.

"I have given a general assurance of principle and I suggest you confine your questions when you are here to your problems, of which you have many; you have 80 million people to feed."

The Prime Minister had earlier given a pledge that the British courts would protect every citizen "entitled to be there" impartially. The mayor of Dacca had touched on the difficulties of immigrants in Britain at a civic reception. Mr Callaghan inserted the pledge into the text of his prepared reply.

He reacted with evident sensitiveness when Bangladeshi journalists tackled him on the immigration problem which first surfaced, somewhat unexpectedly, in official talks, when Mr Callaghan and President Zia ur-Rahman met yesterday, the first day of the visit.

"Immigration is a problem for us and not for you; these laws are our laws and not yours", Mr Callaghan said. In Britain there was more justice than in most other countries in the world, he added.

He had spoken in similar terms at the reception: "In Britain every citizen is equal under the law, regardless of race, colour or creed, and is entitled to the full protection in law and it is the responsibility of all of us in Parliament to uphold that."

Mr Callaghan spent half an hour this morning at the immigration section of the British High Commission here. Officials explained to him the interview procedures, but he did not speak personally to any would-be immigrants.

President Zia met British reporters afterwards over tea but declined to comment on the immigration question. He praised the British High Commission here, however, which he said was "doing its very best" and constantly examining the problem.

He made a plea for injecting a single big dose of international aid into his country, possibly of billions of dollars, to make an impact on its massive development problem.

He pointed to a two million tons annual deficit in food grains, arguing that with agricultural development, the country could bring its present 13 million tons' production up by as much as eight million tons.

He criticized conventional aid which, he said, resulted in bottlenecks and time-consuming routines. His country would like "very much more" from Britain, he said.



Mr Callaghan is shown raw jute at a mill in Dacca, the biggest in Bangladesh.

Congress rivals in Delhi clash

Delhi, Jan 5.—Police broke up clashes between rival factions of the Congress Party today and arrested nine people.

The fighting broke out as followers of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the former Prime Minister, who proclaimed herself leader of "the real Congress" on New Year's Day, attempted to seize party offices in Delhi.

They were resisted by supporters of Mr Brahmananda Reddy, president of the official Congress Party. Fighting broke out, and police intervened, arresting seven Reddy supporters and two from Mrs Gandhi's group.

Police had been stationed on the lawns of the party headquarters after receiving information that Mrs Gandhi's faction was planning to seize it

Elsewhere in the country the Reddy and Gandhi factions prepared to dispute control of local party offices.

Mrs Gandhi led her followers out of the party after failing to oust Mr Reddy from the leadership, which she resigned when her government was defeated by the Janata Party at the polls last March.

In Lucknow, capital of Mrs Gandhi's home state of Uttar Pradesh, police sealed Congress Party offices as the two groups staked claims to the premises.

Police also moved into Congress Party offices in Jaipur, capital of Rajasthan.

Marxist-led government in Indian state alarms Delhi

From Our Correspondent
Calcutta, Jan 5

A Government led by the Communist Party of India (Marxist) was installed in the eastern border state of Tripura today causing dismay to local political rivals and some concern to Delhi.

In the election to the Tripura Legislative Assembly last weekend the Marxist Communists alone won more than 80 per cent of the seats, and control more than 90 per cent with their Left Front allies. Neither Congress nor the Janata Party won a single seat.

The results have caused concern to the Janata Party which had an understanding with the Marxists in the general election, that brought down Mrs Indira Gandhi's Congress Government in March last year. No such understanding was reached in the state election, despite talk of continuing cooperation, basic ideological differences between the two parties are causing increasing strains. There will be further tension if the Marxists press their demand for greater powers for state governments, which Janata leaders fear would mean a diminution of their central authority.

Apart from the Marxist-controlled West Bengal and Tripura governments this demand is assured of some support by the Kashmir and Tamil Nadu governments.

Pakistan protest checked

From Our Correspondent
Islamabad, Jan 5

Large-scale arrests of Pakistan People's Party leaders throughout the country enabled the authorities today to contain demonstrations planned for Democracy Day calling for the release of Mr Bhutto, the former Prime Minister and for an early general election.

The police prevented public demonstrations and processions in Lahore, Karachi and Rawalpindi by dispersing the crowds. There were minor skirmishes between demonstrators and police in Rawalpindi and Lahore where the police made baton charges and fired rounds of tear gas. There were some arrests.

People's Party sources say that hundreds of its national and provincial leaders were arrested throughout the country.

In Multan demonstrations continued for the third day today against the police firing on textile workers on Tuesday, killing 16 or 18 people, according to official figures. The casualty figures are feared to be much higher as 55 workers are still missing.

Third World report

Ghana's plan to speed the plough

By Kenneth Mackenzie

The young man from the Ministry of Agriculture was highly excited as he talked to us in Bolgatanga, in Ghana's Upper Region. "It will be a green revolution", he said.

The Upper Region is known as Ghana's least developed, and it was also the worst affected by the three years of drought and ill-timed rain that has caused such havoc south of the Sahara.

There have been stories of famine of people dying of starvation, and of aid misappropriated. The authorities deny all this indignantly. A brief conducted visit is no way to find out the truth. However, no one denies that it has been a hard time, with food desperately short. The late rains this year have again been inadequate, and the Government is making plans to deal with an expected food shortage early next year.

It was the more surprising with this background to find people not discouraged but looking with enthusiasm at a scheme called the Upper Region Agricultural Development Project, or (inevitably) Uradep.

Almost $50m (about £25m) is to be invested over the next five years. The World Bank is providing $21.5m; $11.5m is coming from Britain, $1.8m from Holland, and the Ghana Government is investing $15m.

The interesting thing is that the money is not to be used on some huge dam or irrigation scheme that would change the whole way of life in the region. Instead the aim is to help each of the 125,000 farming families in the Upper Region—about one million people—simply to be more efficient, to grow more food and to prosper.

The basic idea is the setting up of 90 farm centres throughout the region—45 are to be operating within 18 months. These will be partly shops selling such things as improved seeds, fertilizers, chemicals and farm implements, such as bullock ploughs, of which 1,500 have already been imported. The farmers are mostly cutlass-and-hoe men at the moment.

Also at the farm centres will be full-time agricultural officers to explain how to use the ploughs and other aids. Their work will be tied in with a special radio educational service.

The selling part of the farming centres is being handled by the Farmers' Service Company, a private company outside the usual bureaucracy. Its profits will go into a fund to enable local farmers to obtain shares in their farm centres.

Farmers' representatives will serve on the management committees at each centre.

The other big expenditure will be on small dams—little more than ponds, most of them—to try to insure farmers against the vagaries of the weather. About 120 are to be constructed, and another 100 are to be rehabilitated.

The area immediately outside Bolgatanga is inhabited by the Frafra people, most of whom still live in the same traditional housing they have for centuries—beautifully designed little clusters of round baked-mud huts, with shrines at the front for ancestor worship, compounds for the animals, and one flat-roofed hut from which the patriarch can survey his possessions.

It is to people such as these that the enthusiastic men from the Ministry of Agriculture have been explaining Uradep. They have perhaps raised over-large expectations.

The benefits will obviously become clearer once the scheme gets under way properly. It would be nice to think that one could go back to Bolgatanga in five years' time and find the same clusters of huts and peaceful way of life, but with the people better fed and clothed, with money to spend. And perhaps the grizzled farmer would be smiling.

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MRC

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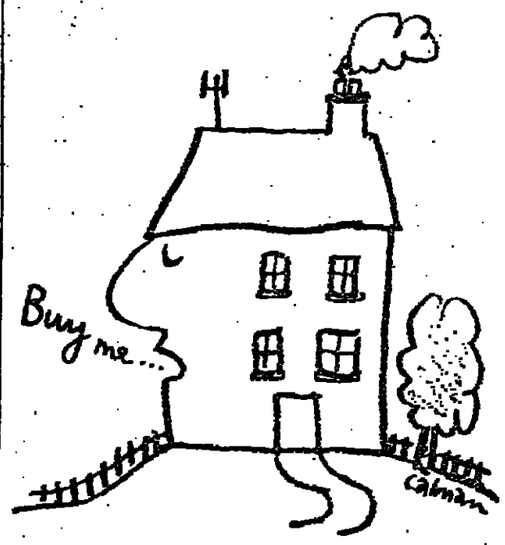
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Closing date 26th January, 1978—Interviews 14th February, 1978.

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THE ARTS

Fugitive oeuvre of a classic Japanese director

Kenji Mizoguchi season
National Film Theatre
Stroszek (aa)
Paris-Pullman/
Phoenix, East Finchley
The Innocent (x)
Screen on the Hill
Rabid (x)
ABC Edgware Road

The National Film Theatre is starting the year with one of the most important seasons in its history, a retrospective of the work of the classic Japanese director Kenji Mizoguchi. Mizoguchi's critical reputation has soared in the 22 years since his death, to a point where the ordinarily unexcitable critic Robin Wood can describe him as a veritable Shakespeare of films.

In one respect an Elizabethan dramatist had more luck with posterity than a twentieth-century film maker. The case of Mizoguchi distressingly points up how ephemeral a medium the motion picture can be. Only 28 of the 84 films he made between 1922 and 1956 have survived. Of these only one comes from the first 12 years of his career, and the print of even that film (*White Threads of the Waterfall*) is much deteriorated. There is no extant example of his essays in the nonsense comedies popular in Japan in the Twenties, no survival of such takingly titled works as *A Paper Doll's Whisper of Spring* or *May-Rain and Silk Paper*; and even major productions of the wartime Forties have vanished without trace.

Born in 1898, trained as a painter, Mizoguchi drifted into the cinema and got his chance to direct during the confusion of a strike by the female impersonators, in protest against the studios' introduction of *actresses. Like Hawks and* Ford and the great Hollywood professionals (and like Shakespeare himself for that matter) Mizoguchi was able to accommodate himself to commercial needs without compromising his art. His creative career reflects exactly changing screen fashions during those years of social and political tumult. In the Twenties and Thirties he was satisfying the demand for literary adaptation—Bernard Shaw and Maupassant as well as popular Japanese novelists.

The era of rising militarism saw a new taste for slice-of-life contemporary realist films which resulted in Mizoguchi's *Osaka Elegy* and *Sisters of the Gion*. With the outbreak of war Mizoguchi retreated, like many of his colleagues, into Meiji-era *nostalgia; but when* the Government threatened his studio with closure for its failure to make "national policy" films, he readily obliged with a series of militarist and nationalist subjects (his famous *Loyal 47 Ronin of the Genroku Era* among them). He responded as easily to the Occupation authorities demand for films on themes relating to women's emancipation (*The Victory of Women, The Love of Sumako, the Actress*).

In the early Fifties, when the studios wanted sex films, Mizoguchi gave them his *Portrait of Madame Yuki*, sensitive, intelligent—and providing more bed scenes than any Japanese film before it. After the *enormous* international success of Kurosawa's *Rashomon* in 1951, Mizoguchi was encouraged to begin the great sequence of historical films that marked the peak of his career—*The Life of O-Haru, Ugetsu Monogatari, Sansho the Bailiff, The Crucified Lovers, Tales of the Taira Clan*. This readiness to conform to prevailing commercial requirements was no more opportunism or concession than the attention of a Shakespeare or Dickens to the demands of his public and patrons. Whatever he turned his hand to, Mizoguchi seemed incapable of making a bad film. Partly this was because whatever his subject his ultimate theme was always the same—women and their *psychology; and a mystical* belief in the redeeming power of love (dominating even his last film, *Street of Shame*, which is about the tragedy of prostitutes for whom love is the one luxury they can never afford).

Along with this constant preoccupation went a sensitivity to atmosphere which is wholly Japanese and a unique quality of using film with the visual perception and technical certainty of a great painter. In Mizoguchi's case this meant not elegant and pretty compositions, but an unfailing correctness in the placing of the camera, and of the people and objects and scenes before it. Though the subjects of his films may be linked strictly to needs of the moment, the marvellous timelessness of his work comes from its total independence of any fashion of style and technique. The images and the flow of a *Mizoguchi* film are dictated only by the eye of the artist.

Stroszek, the hero of Werner Herzog's film of that name, is played by Bruno S., the non-professional actor who also created the main role in Herzog's *Caspar Hauser*. Bruno S's private personality is one which necessarily takes over any role he plays. Herzog first discovered him through a documentary about his strange life story. Abandoned by his prostitute mother, he was kept till manhood in orphanages and mental hospitals—not because he had any mental malady but because it was the most convenient place to stow him.

The experience left him scarred and suspicious but still sturdily independent and confirmed in his idiosyncratic opinions and prejudices and view of the world. Today he earns his living as a street ballad singer. In his mid-forties he is a short, stocky figure with a stubbly chin and the stiff determined walk of a baby swaddled up against the cold. He is fierce and unsmiling, and his face is inclined to contort with the effort of framing words, which emerge either in sing-song or short barks.

And that, more or less, is Herzog's Stroszek. In the past the director has said: "If you are a scientist and want to find out about the inner structure of some matter you will put it under extreme pressure and under extreme circumstances. . . . People under extreme pressure give you much more insight about what we are, about our very innermost being." In the past the results of this *method—such as Aguirre* and *Caspar Hauser*—have tended to be grimly intense; but Bruno's irrepressible individuality transforms *Stroszek* into a disconcerting comedy.

Stroszek is first seen being discharged from jail, taking an affectionate farewell of his fellow cons and a sardonic one of the *soapy governor*, whose exhortations to quit drinking are instantly disregarded. In the first bar he enters he renews acquaintance with a dusty tart, and gallantly but ineffectually attempts to shelter her from her brutal pimp.

Together with a pleasantly mad old gentleman, they *decide to try* their luck in the New World. There's a brief American Dream, which ends when they are unable to keep up the hire-purchase payments. The girl goes off with a truck driver and Stroszek is left to run good-naturedly amok in a backwoods amusement park.

Nothing could be more surprising than to find Herzog *making* a film so relaxed and funny and (in no derogatory sense) insignificant. It pretends to no great social statement, just marvels at the oddity of human beings. The confrontation of the bewildered immigrants and the smiling young man from the bank with not a word of German to make himself understood, is like the best of Warhol; but a



Bruno S. swaddled up against the cold

batty bank hold-up by Stroszek and the old man, and the ending, with *chaos in the amusement* park ("There's a man on the chair lift; we're unable to find the switch to turn it off; and we can't stop the dancing chicken. We'll be standing by", reports a stoical policeman on his radio) reveals a new and distinctive comic bent in the ordinarily solemn Herzog.

At the Screen on the Hill they have the last film of Luchino Visconti. Although he was dying when he made it, confined to a wheelchair and only able to make his voice heard through an amplifier, Visconti's intelligence and virtuosity remained intact. *The Innocent* is adapted from a D'Annunzio novel of 1892, now *unread and perhaps unreadable*; but the film goes beyond the book to offer a critique of the whole D'Annunzian *fin-de-siecle* romanticism and of the age in general.

It is a society in which the hero naturally and by tradition *sees no contradiction* between passionate affairs with his mistresses and romantic idealization of his chaste and beautiful young wife. When the wife repays him in his own coin, however, taking a lover who dies, leaving her pregnant, the blow to the man's pride is devastating and the consequences inevitably tragic.

Visconti faced two handicaps in the material at his disposal: the first, D'Annunzio, whose bombast never completely grafts with the director's more detached irony; the other, Giancarlo Giannini, who cannot sufficiently escape from the essencially contemporary figures he has created in the films of Lina Wertmuller to *enter into this D'Annunzian* hero. But the atmosphere transcends the personages; *this was* Visconti's most complete visual evocation of the society that had produced him and an era that at the same time thrilled and repelled him.

The Canadian David Cronenberg is an ingenious writer and effective director, but his subjects' delight in the medically morbid are a bit nauseating. *Parasite Murders* was about a *parasite that produced* a combination of aphrodisiac and venereal infection. *Rabid* tells of the spread of a human-borne rabies characterized by vampire tendencies and the development of a nasty little extra organ to gratify them. The infection is first put about by skin grafted on to a girl injured in a motor-cycle accident. *If you have a taste for* the nastiness though, it is sufficiently funny and witty in sketching its characters to be entertaining.

David Robinson

Robert Wise's Audrey Rose *will be reviewed next week when Philip French will be writing on the week's films.*

More to reveal

Perry/Roscoe
Wigmore Hall

Max Harrison

Brahms's Sonata Op 100 has about it a richness and amplitude that can rarely be matched by the tonal resources of most young artists. Certainly Wednesday's performance by Elisabeth Perry and Jonathan Martin was lightweight and did not reach far beneath the surface. Both these players are gifted, excellently trained and equal to most technical eventualities. But Miss Perry, especially, did not draw a sufficient variety of sound from her violin and *though Mr Martin, at the piano*, had some interesting ideas with regard to phrasing, they were not conveyed decisively enough.

Matters improved in the Andante, where events pass less quickly, and there was plenty of feeling in the playing both here and elsewhere, suggesting that a fuller understanding of Brahms's piece will be attained in due course. This concert, one of the nineteenth series of young artists' recitals put on by the Incorporated Society of Musicians, was shared with Martin Roscoe, a solo pianist who *offers a more positive degree of* accomplishment.

He first presented Chopin's Ballade No 1 and Copland's Variations, an obvious extreme contrast yet a sensible one. If they complement each other it is because both works show their young composers making almost their first mature statements, each telling us much about what was to follow.

Mr Roscoe gave the Chopin an entirely serious interpretation, devoid of exaggeration, yet of considerable lyrical intensity. Copland's Variations might in one sense be thought of as minimalist art, raising a tersely elaborate structure from the simplest and barest materials.

It is curious that although the music is almost continuously inventive the abiding impression is of aridity, of harsh emptiness, and that this is intentional on Copland's part. At the *same time, it suggests* the city rather than the desert, and violence is never far off. If Mr Roscoe's performance was so satisfying it was because, while playing with all necessary force, he always made the explosive dissonances sound musical.

He also gave coolly immaculate readings of Debussy's *Images* Book 2, but could probably have afforded to be less cool about his pedalling. There was a certain lack of mystery in these remote yet evocative pieces because the haze which Debussy loves to generate from the piano was never fully realized. Finally, Miss Perry and Mr Martin returned to make a notably stronger impression in Messiaen's Variations.

Geraint Evans returns

The Welsh National Opera's new production of Britten's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, opening at Theatr Clwyd, Mold, on January 24, marks the return to the company of Geraint Evans, who sings the role of Bottom. Two days later the part is sung by Paul Hudson.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.



Lucy Peacock and Robert Kerns — Photograph by Ilse Buhs

Falstaff goes on the Spree

Götz Friedrich's West Berlin debut production of *Falstaff* at *the Deutsche Oper Berlin*, although it falls short of his best efforts, has much in it that deserves praise. His work has generally impressed me ever since his very first production at East Berlin's Komische Oper, *Fra Diavolo*, some 20 years ago. Together with Joachim Herz, the Komische Oper's new *Intendant*, Mr Friedrich has legitimate preferential claim to the mantle of Walter Felsenstein, the genius who developed *realistisches Musiktheater* into an exciting, eye-opening new sort of operatic production. This new *Falstaff*, for all its excellences, causes me to reflect, and not for the first time, upon the extent to which Mr Friedrich has drifted away from the uncompromising *aesthetic principles* he so ardently espoused and championed before leaving the Komische Oper in 1973 and taking posts as *Oberspielleiter* in Hamburg and chief stage director at Covent Garden.

Realistisches Musiktheater implacably demands that the performer serves the audience —not an elitist minority of it, but its democratic majority. That service, according to Felsenstein, *begins* with the courtesy of not only addressing that audience in the language it speaks and understands, but also of so enunciating that language as to make it thoroughly comprehensible. For *Falstaff* Arrigo Boito provided Giuseppe Verdi with a delicious libretto. On the opening night of this Italian-language production here, anyone truly familiar with that libretto noticed that many of those points conveyed about as much meaning to the majority of the audience as if the singers had delivered them in Swahili or Pushtu. The programme for sale at the entrances into the auditorium contained the complete libretto in German—an odd bit of illogic in view of the reading-time available between that purchase and the dimming of the house lights. Far from intensifying communication, Mr Friedrich in this instance has impeded it.

Timothy O'Brien and Tazeena Firth have set almost the entire opera right on the banks of the Thames; that provides Fenton and Nannetta with some handy packing cases behind which to play a flirtatious variant of hide-and-seek. Falstaff dwells among the scruffy souvenirs of the swath he formerly cut, tarnished armour and faded banners, the cold carcass of his dinner left on the table, low-comedy slippers on his feet, himself ensconed on a throne-like armchair which, we see in due time, also serves him as a toilet. Bombastic cod-pieces boastfully embellish his two pairs of breeches. When he sallies forth in full, tatterdemalion regalia, the tell-tale grey of his linen and the scurvy state of his fur leave one smiling, but with slightly moist eyes.

Mr Friedrich excels, once again, in his ability, perhaps unequalled today, to create boisterous stage turbulence but keep it beautifully controlled. Only to the last scene do I take really strong exception. Far from showing simple villagers who on relatively short notice have donned weird disguises to frighten old Falstaff, Mr Friedrich mounts a spectacle for which its perpetrators have obviously required a production schedule and budget approaching Irving Thalberg's for his production of Max Reinhardt's cinema version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream. Realistisches Musiktheater?* Not for one minute.

Michael Gielen conducted with excitement and almost Mozartian orchestral clarity, although his headlong zest at a few points resulted in slightly ragged vocal ensemble. Robert Kerns stands out in the title role, both vocally and dramatically; congratulations and thanks also to William Murray (Ford), Lucy Peacock (Alice), Carol Malone (Nannetta), and Carol Wyatt (Meg Page). The evening brought two important local discoveries, Rüdiger Wohlers as Fenton and Marta Szirmay as Mistress Quickly. The chorus, prepared by Walter Hagen-Groll, did its customary superb job.

This production succeeds, but it would probably succeed better before an audience which knew Italian and could relish all those points in the text. The possibility is, of course, that Italian audience audience on its home ground might throw dead cats at some of those singers (not one of them, incidentally, Italian) for their lazy and slovenly enunciation of the Italian language.

Paul Moor

Jack and the Beanstalk
Opera House,
Manchester
Ken Dodd
Palace, Manchester

Ned Chaillet

I doubt if anyone knows just how many theatres throughout Britain are presenting their last Christmas shows this year, or even how many theatres are threatened, though I would like to know. What seems certain in Manchester, where the Opera House is offering Stanley Baxter in *Jack and the Beanstalk* and the Palace in *The Ken Dodd Laughter Show*, is that one of those two theatres will soon close for ever.

With both theatres doing obviously healthy business now, with seasonal though very different productions, the arguments favouring either theatre seem impossibly close. Ken *Dodd managed to praise the* Palace as a "magnificent shed" in his show, scattering pleas for its salvation among his often hilarious patter, but his frequent allusions to the pantomime at the Opera House suggest how the loss of either theatre will impoverish future Christmases.

Even though Mr Baxter's *Jack and the Beanstalk* has been an extremely successful panto, first in Edinburgh then in Glasgow, there were apparently times when its sudden migration depended on keeping the Opera House open. Its arrival, however, lets Mr Baxter parade in England as one of his favourite dames, Lizzie Trotter, *Jack's mother*.

I do not know what Mr Baxter made of the Englishman-eating giant in Scotland, but for a moment the phrase "Scottish nationalist" arises. In Manchester, at least, he has no hesitation in helping Jack to kill the giant and marry the duke's daughter, and with the exception of a rather ordinary dog act and a *not terribly* funny scene in a health club, he manages to tie every special effect and romantic song to the plot.

At the matinée Mr Baxter does not offer his Marlene Dietrich imitation, reserving it for the more adult evening audiences, but Mrs Trotter does a "highway code striptease" *while preparing for bed*, appears once costumed as a zebra crossing, complete with flashing beacon, and later, among many changes, wears a hot-dog dress and hamburger hat.

Mr Baxter's jokes stay in context with the fairy tale, no matter how free-wheeling and bawdy he gets, and John Morley's script keeps traditionally up to the minute when he has Michael Kilgarriff, as the giant's henchman, Draculstein, threaten to smash all the audience's skateboards. As Jack, Vivienne McKee makes a lively principal boy, but the show is Mr Baxter's and he also appears as a budgerigar, a "toy bird" to bring in the only political references that go beyond Manchester's city hall.

Surprisingly considering the differences, at least four of the same jokes appear in Mr Dodd's show. Not so surprisingly, the Muppets are mentioned in both Manchester shows as they are in nearly all of London's. Mr Dodd does not indulge endlessly in television references, however, and makes his show undeniably live and lively.

He does it despite some bad company in the supporting acts, including a particularly dreary rock group, but the more he appears the more entertaining the show becomes. A note in the programme describes how the popularity of one of Mr Dodd's shows saved the Royal Court Theatre in Liverpool for a few years, though it needs to be saved again. Being only one man, despite talents as a singer, comedian and ventriloquist, it *is doubtful if he can save* both Manchester theatres, or if anyone can. But, matched by Mr Baxter, he makes it a proposition devoutly to be wished.

Goldberg/Lupu
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Joan Chissell

Second concert in the recently launched "Mainly Schubert" series was given on Wednesday by Szymon Goldberg and Radu Lupu, who besides playing three of Schubert's sonatas for violin and piano found a place for Beethoven and Debussy, too.

Despite disparity of age, these two sensitive artists seemed to feel everything in much the same way, never self-consciously making points or *searching for hidden meanings*, but allowing the music to carry them along in its own natural flow. In your armchair at home, you could scarcely have asked for more. But whether they projected the programme strongly and arrestingly enough for a public concert hall remained a moot point.

Mr Lupu, who better than most pianists has always understood the eloquence of the still, small voice, nevertheless had often to hold back more than was good for the music so as not to overpower his partner. For Mr. Goldberg's tone, while pure and refined, is no longer large or greatly varied in colour.

Their intimate dynamic *range, coupled with speed*, made the opening Allegro molto of the early D major sonatina uncommonly stealthy. Yet phrasing was always perceptive, and interplay between the two artists could not have been more subtle throughout the work. Respecting the *moderato* qualifying the Allegro of the A minor sonatina (No 22), they gave its lyricism freer rein but seemed rather too slow and solemn in the ensuing Andante (in which Schubert doffed his cap at Beethoven's "*Andante favori*"). The last two movements needed sharper tonal contrasts, even more response to each small nuance. The finale's climax, marked with a sforzando and pause (at letter H) was just thrown away. In the Scherzo of the A major sonata, Op 162 (alias the Grand Duo), Mr Goldberg wasted even more opportunities for dynamic contrast. Speed precluded a real fortissimo: all he evoked were Mendelssohnian sprites.

Beethoven was represented by his early E flat sonata, Op. 12, No 3, which they played with the same fluidity and finesse though failing to establish this composer's stronger rhythmic tension, his greater expressive intensity. But Debussy's delicate, mercurial fantasy was beautifully caught.

Penny Whistle
Hampstead

Irving Wardle

Three girls happen to meet three boys in a Wimpey bar and move on to the coffee lounge of a smart hotel where they spend the rest of the evening getting to know each other, a process that involves roughing the place up so exuberantly as to make you scan the programme for a seventh actor to descend in commissionaire's uniform and throw them out.

There would be no difficulty in accepting this hour-long piece as a scenario improvised by members of the Anna Scher Children's Theatre. The puzzle is that it is credited as an original work by Lawrence Dobie, the author of two exceptionally well made plays of the early 60s. Is one to congratulate Mr Dobie on his acute ear for adolescent speech *rhythm, or tick him off for* devising an unbelievable situation and doing so little to justify it?

That question is beyond me. The piece certainly seems to be handling authentic material. The jobless West Indian boy, the Pakistani girl resisting an arranged marriage, the apprentice electrician in flight from a pregnant girlfriend all ring true when we first meet them, as does the defensive crackle of sexual hostilities and abrupt regressions into childhood knockabout. But then Nancy Meckler's production plunges into theatre games, with a confessional version of musical chairs, mimic prize fights and football matches, as separate members of the group act out *their ambitions*.

The playing is charming and truthful. I particularly enjoyed Veronique Choolhun's pantomime pilgrimage to Mecca and Herbert Norville in his final role as the Orpheus of the Penny Whistle. By this time it seems that the random companions have learnt to "reject the socializing process" enforced on them by their elders, and have come to know each other as friends. Lucky them: they were still strangers to me.

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SPORT

Cricket

A week when the leg break reaped a bountiful harvest

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 5

This promises to be the week when leg break bowling, represented by Bhagwat Chandrasekhar and Abdul Qadir, enjoys its richest harvest since before the second world war. On Wednesday, India gained a famous victory, their first in Australia in 30 years of trying; and here on Saturday Pakistan may well beat England, which is something they have never done at home since the countries first met in 1954.

In Melbourne, Chandrasekhar took 12 wickets for 104 runs. A childhood victim of poliomyelitis, and previously a failure on Australian wickets, Chandrasekhar's triumph is one not least over adversity. More than most leg spinners, because of the speed at which he bowls, he is devastating on his day and prodigal off it. When India beat England at the Oval in 1971 it was Chandrasekhar who won them the match. When England lost to India at Bangalore last February it was Chandrasekhar, with Bedi's help, who did it again. He is 32 now and I wish continuing strength to his withered arm.

Abdul Qadir is 21, an eager, bouncing, confident little fellow in his third season of first-class cricket. With a whirl and a twirl he winds himself up to bowl, and he is accurate enough to have made full use yesterday of the rough worn by the bowlers, especially Willis, outside the right handers' leg stump. The way that he did this was reminiscent of Richie Benaud at Old Trafford in 1961, when going round the wicket, at Ray Lindwall's instigation.

After Qadir had finished England's first innings with six for 44 off 24 overs I was asked by someone who could be described as a "spokesman" for him whether I could get him a contract with an English county. I could but try, I said, while adding rather discouragingly that the leg break bowler in England is considered a luxury these days. This is the age of swing and seam and medium pace, of bouncers and sound and fury, of the miser rather than the millionaire.

Curiously enough, the only leg spinners to speak of in English cricket last season were all Pakistanis—Mushtaq, Intikhab and Miandad—yet Mushtaq, the best placed of them took only 27 wickets.

If A. P. Freeman, for a few years in the late twenties and early thirties the most prolific wicket-taker of all time, were to try to become established in English county cricket today he would have next to no chance of doing so. That is a disheartening message for Abdul Qadir.

For the absence of leg spin the game in England, as a pleasure to play and a joy to watch, is much the poorer. It means, too, that when, just occasionally, English batsmen come up against it and it is being bowled at its best, they are puzzled. Given time they can usually work it out, and by its very nature it is erratic, which is why the number of Tests actually won by leg spin are few. This one in Hyderabad could be the next—unless Wasim Bari's caution, as Pakistan's captain, precludes it. To say, as he has today, that Pakistan must get a lead of 325 (at present, with nine wickets in hand, they are 139 runs ahead) could lead to their batting for too long and not bowling for long enough. England's own chances of winning, though not negligible, are slender.

Ironically, only the defection of five leading Pakistanis to Mr Packer has given Qadir, Mudassar and either Haroon or Miandad a regular place in the present series. But for this the Pakistan side would probably have been: Sadiq, Majid, Zaheer, Mushtaq, Haroon (or Miandad), Asif, Wasim Raja, Imran, Wasim Bari, Iqbal Qasim and another faster bowler. I am no less opposed to Mr Packer; but without him this might never have been the week when the leg break came into its own.

PAKISTAN: 275 (Haroon Rashid 108, Javed Miandad 88 not out), and 55 for 1.
ENGLAND: 191 (G. Boycott 79; Qadir 6 for 44).

Pay rise: Pakistan's military ruler, General Zia-ul Haq, yesterday ordered a pay rise and generous expenses for Pakistan's Test cricketers in an effort to meet players' grievances (Reuter reports).

Sarfraz Nawaz, Pakistan's vice-captain who walked out on the Test team after a dispute with the board, will now get the opportunity to return to international cricket, according to informed sources. The sources said here that the board want Sarfraz to make a public apology in Pakistan for his actions before he can be considered for the third and final Test against England, starting in Karachi on January 18.

Sarfraz arrived in London last month, saying he would not return until the Pakistan board met his demands, which included paying for his air fare from Britain and increased Test match fees.

After meeting the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan today, General Zia ordered that Pakistan's cricketers should now receive 7,000 rupees (about £320) for a Test match, instead of 5,000 rupees (£280). Fees for a three-day game will go up from 100 to 1,000 rupees (£60) and from 500 to 1,000 rupees for a one-day international match.

Thomson turns his back on Surrey

Brisbane, Jan 5.—Jeff Thomson has rejected an offer to play English county cricket with Surrey, it was announced heretonight. Thomson decided to reject the offer—believed to be the largest ever made by an English county—after long talks with the radio station which employs him and the Queensland Cricket Association.

Norman McMahon, the Association chairman, announced Thomson's decision in a brief statement and added that Thomson would be available to tour the West Indies with the Australian team next month. Thomson's manager, David Lord, said earlier today that Thomson was reconsidering the four-year contract he originally refused while in England last year.

Speculation that Thomson would miss the West Indies tour was increased earlier today by a report in a Sydney newspaper which said he was reluctant to go without his wife Cheryl. "By the time I paid her air fare and motel bills and paid tax, I'd be playing for nothing," he was quoted as saying.

"Cheryl doesn't want to go, but she's left the decision to me", Thomson said. However, Ken Mulchay, manager of a Brisbane radio station, Thomson's employers, said that he had reminded Thomson of his contractual obligation to play for Australia.

It was after talks with station officials in Nottingham last year that Thomson withdrew from the Kerry Packer series. Mr Mulchay added that he advised Thomson to sign for Surrey only if he felt physically capable of playing cricket almost non-stop for the next four years. Although Thomson's decision to go on the tour, which lasts until May, ends the Australian Cricket Board's worries about their best bowler, they are still unsure about their best batsman, Bobby Simpson.

Simpson, aged 41, who was recalled from retirement to lead the side after the split with Mr Packer, says he will not announce whether he is going to the Caribbean until after the fourth Test against India starts in Sydney on Friday. Thomson and Simpson are the only players wth substantial Test experience left in the Australian team. A total of 25 top Australian players have joined Mr Packer.—Reuter.



Thomson: rejects offer.

Trip to Sri Lanka

Sydney, Jan 5.—The Australian Cricket Board said today that a youth team will visit Sri Lanka for a series of matches between mid-February and early March.

Cook vice-captain

Geoffrey Cook, Northamptonshire's 26-year-old opening batsman, has been appointed vice-captain for next season. He will be No 2 to James Watts, who was recently appointed captain.

NEW DELHI: North Zone 214 and 248 for 9 dec: England Schoolboys 388 and 16 for 1. Match drawn.

PATNA: World Cup (women, 50 overs): India, 150 for 9 (U. Nikam 32, S. Kulkarni 23): New Zealand, 151 for 1 (B. Bevege 67, S. Rattray 41). New Zealand won by 9 wkts.

Amarnath in team whether he can bowl or not

Sydney, Jan 5.—India, still savouring the sweetness of their Test match victory over Australia in Melbourne yesterday, have delayed naming their team for the fourth Test beginning here on Saturday. Wet weather, which prevented practice today, and an injury to the valuable all-rounder, Mohinder Amarnath, have delayed the selection. The team may not be picked until the morning of the match, the team manager, Polly Umrigar, said today.

Amarnath, a great success with the bat in the three Tests to date, has a *split* finger on his right hand from being hit while batting against Jeffrey Thomson in the Perth and Melbourne Tests. The injury seems more likely, however, to prevent him from bowling than from taking his usual place in the batting order. The Australian vice-captain, Craig Serjeant, feels certain that Amarnath will play.

"He's too valuable a player for them not to use him. He's been such a good batsman in the series they will pick him whether he can bowl or not", Serjeant said.

India's first Test victory in Australia has left the home side leading the five-match series 2—1, but the three days of heavy rain here this week certainly favour the visitors on Saturday.

Serjeant said the rain was not good for the Australians and could make for another wicket suitable to the Indian spin bowlers. "It will make it hard for the groundsman to roll the wicket and we could be in for another slow track here. The pitch in Melbourne was very slow and it was ideal for a bowler like *Chandrasekhar*", Serjeant added in reference to the Indian medium-fast leg-spinner who took 12 wickets for 104 runs in the match.

Shepparton, Australia, Jan 5.—A World XI defeated an Australian XI by .04 of a run in their rain-disrupted world series cricket match here today. This unusual result was reached by application of limited over rules designed to prevent a draw. When rain stopped play the Australians were 88 for four wickets with a run rate of 3.56 per over in 24 completed overs. After the same number of overs, the World XI had a run rate of 3.6 per over.

SCORES: World XI 234 (D. Amiss 60, M. Malone 4 for 64): Australian XI 88 and 54 (M. Procter 2 for 20).—Reuter.

Tennis

Gottfried bounces back to land not one winning punch but two

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
New York, Jan 5

Bjorn Borg and Manuel Orantes, European guests at what is basically an American festival, produced the best and worst performances on the first day of the grand prix masters tennis tournament, sponsored by Colgate at Madison Square Garden. Borg, playing Raul Ramirez for only the second time since 1975, beat him 6—2, 6—4 and, in the process, confirmed his stature as favourite for the £53,000 first prize in singles. Orantes, who had won five consecutive matches against Guillermo Vilas (though they did not meet last year), became embarrassingly dispirited long before the French and United States champion completed a 6—4, 6—1 win.

In the other matches Brian Gottfried beat Roscoe Tanner 7—5, 6—2 and Jimmy Connors, bouncing back from 3—5 down in the first set, defeated Eddie Dibbs by the same margin. As the scores suggest, Borg's match with Ramirez was the most interesting. The rest declined, in terms of competitive entertainment, once the closely contested first sets were over. Nor were the results conclusive. For three days the eight competitors are playing in two groups of four on an all-play-all basis. It is possible that, as has happened before, a player beaten on the first day could win the tournament. But it is more likely that, as expectation and yesterday's form indicated, Connors and Vilas will emerge as Borg's strongest challengers.

The attendances were gratifying: 6,300 in the afternoon and 11,800 in the evening. The programme had a lively start, Tanner's services decapitating a few court-side chrysanthemums (the line judges, seated in topless boxes, themselves looked rather like potted plants). But the public had some cause to feel aggrieved by the nature of the last act on the bill. Orantes had given Vilas a tough first set but then became despondent and seemed to regard a blister under a little toe as sufficient cause for getting off court as fast as possible. The Spaniard's resistance collapsed to an extent not fully justified by the quality of his opponent's tennis. Orantes will have to show a good deal more fortitude in his remaining matches if he is to warrant the £9,500 that is the least he will earn for coming here.

These sturdy left-handers both specialize in the long-range sparring more prevalent on clay than on the quicker, carpeted surface installed at Madison Square Garden. The first set was illuminated by the patterned charm of some teasing tennis geometry. But Vilas, whose playing qualities could be likened to the assault of a highly mobile tank, was more consistently solid and resilient. This was his twenty-ninth consecutive win and his eighty-third in 84 matches (the other one went wrong when he retired because of a damaged wrist).

Unlike Orantes, Ramirez maintained his pride and dignity in adversity. The Mexican is something of a matador; light and quick on his feet and deft in his wrist-work. But Borg is a bull with a difference. The direction of his charge is seldom predictable. In tennis terms, his ground strokes are difficult to anticipate, especially those from his two-fisted backhand. His use of top-spin poses additional problems for the incoming voleyer. On this occasion his control of the racket head and his timing were exemplary, his instinct for guiding the ball into awkward places almost uncanny. His quickness usually gave him time for early preparation of shots. He served well, too. Ramirez did all he could, but it was seldom enough. The match was nevertheless a delightful spectacle, a warming experience for a crowd enjoying the contrast between the man-made brightness of Madison Square Garden and the external chilliness of January in Manhattan.

This afternoon Ramirez was beaten once again, this time by his friend and doubles partner, Gottfried, who took two hours and 27 minutes to achieve a 6—7, 6—2, 6—4 win that almost guaranteed Gottfried a place in the semi-final round. In the first set Ramirez was 2—3 and love—40 down and had all kinds of problems until he managed to take the set in a tie-break. This he finished with a superb forehand passin gshot down the line.

In the second set Gottfried was teoo consistent for him but in the third it was Gottfried's turn to struggle through a series of crises. He was serving at 2—3 and love—40 down and survived that perilous situation with a combination of boldness and luck. At 3—4 he had too more break points against him.

But as is often the case the player in trouble finally bounced off the ropes and landed a winning punch—in Gottfried's case, two of them. At 4—all he hit a fine passing shot on each flank in turn to reduce Ramirez to 15—40, whereupon the Mexican served his sixth double-fault to lose the game, and Gottfried served an authoritative game to take the match. These players get on so well together that they sometimes seem reluctant to take advantage of each other when they find themselves at opposite ends of the court. That was how it was today, with neither man capable of pressing home his marginal advantages. It was a fine match and often an exciting one. But it was also rather too much of a good thing.

Eclipse of Cox wipes out early advantages

A plan to play Mark Cox, Britain's No 1, in place of the travel-weary John Lloyd backfired when Cox lost to Kjell Johansson in Britain's opening King's Cup tie with Sweden at Sunderland last night. Cox's eclipse wiped out an earlier British success through John Feaver. Britain were still relying on Lloyd in the concluding doubles. He and his brother, David, were due to face Tenny Svensson and Ove Bengtson in the decider.

John Feaver stormed to a straight-sets win in 62 minutes in his first King's Cup match. Although sometimes erratic he possessed too much power for Tenny Svensson, and his 7—6, 6—2 win gave his side a flying start.

Feaver, making his second senior international appearance, began with a double fault but soon showed his serve-and-volley strength, which kept Svensson completely subdued for long spells.

The Swede cut loose, however, when in danger of losing the opening set. Feaver served for it at 5—3, but after beginning the ninth game with a double fault he went on to concede eight points in a row as the Swede caught up at 5—5.

Svensson's game went to pieces in the tie-break and he had two double faults in losing the first six points. Feaver kept up the pressure in the second set, and two sparkling service returns in the opening game gave him a quick service break. A similar performance in the fifth put him 4—1 in front and there was nothing Svensson could do to get back into the match.

Britain partially lost the advantage achieved by Feaver's early victory when Mark Cox, their sadly-out-of-touch No 1, dropped the opening set 6—2 in 30 minutes in the top singles to Kjell Johansson.

Cox was soon trailing 3—1 and he dropped his service for a third time in the seventh game when he double-faulted. One game later Johansson settled the opening set.

RESULTS: British names first: J. Feaver beat T. Svensson 7—6, 6—2; M. Cox lost to K. Johansson 2—6, 6—4, 3—6.

BELGRADE: King's Cup: Division 1: Group B: Yugoslavia 0, West Germany 3.

Top seeds get through with some difficulty

David Atkinson, of Millfield, Somerset, and Harvey Becker, from Edgware, who are seeded to meet in the final of the boy's singles in the British junior covered court championships, sponsored by Prudential, reached the semi-final round with some difficulty at the Queen's Club, London, yesterday.

Atkinson, the top seed, was a set and 3—2 down to unseeded Adrian Simcox, of St Helens, in their third round match before staging a remarkable recovery to win 2—6, 6—3, 6—1. Becker lost the first set to Michael Taylor (Surrey) and almost conceded a decisive lead in the third. Taylor's revival, during which he saved two match points, ran out just in time for Becker who won a close match 6—7, 6—1, 6—4.

In the semi-final round Becker will meet Kevin Harris (Essex), who has yet to drop a set this week. Atkinson meets the only unseeded survivor, Stuart King (Warwickshire).

In the girl's singles, the top two, Kath Glancy (Buckinghamshire) and Kate Brasher (Surrey), both reached the semi-final with no alarms and have come through three rounds with identical records.

BOYS' SINGLES: Third round: K. Harris (Essex) beat A. Voal (Sussex), 6—3, 6—3; M. Becker (Middlesex) beat M. Taylor (Surrey), 6—7, 6—1, 6—4; D. Atkinson (Somerset) beat A. Simcox (Lancashire), 2—6, 6—3, 6—1; S. King (Warwickshire) beat M. Watts (Berkshire), 1—6, 6—4, 6—3.
GIRLS' SINGLES: Third round: K. Brasher (Surrey) beat J. Rich (Norfolk), 6—2, 6—4; K. Glancy (Buckinghamshire) beat A. Hill (Avon), 6—3, 6—3; F. Moffitt (Devon) beat C. O'Brien (Sussex), 6—3, 6—3; D. Stewart (Sussex), beat D. Morgan (Kent), 6—4, 6—3.

Miss Wade lets match slip from her grasp

Washington, Jan 4.—Kathy May, of the United States, scored a surprise 6—2, 3—6, 7—5 victory over Britain's Virginia Wade tonight in the second round of a 100,000 dollar women's tennis tournament. Miss May had to come from behind in the third set to advance to Friday's quarter-final round.

Miss May, trailing 3—5 in the third set and unseeded in the tournament, broke Miss Wade's service to stay in the match, winning the final point when her shot hit the top of the tape and trickled over for a winner. Miss May held service to tie at 5—5 and then took a 6—5 lead over the Wimbledon champion, breaking Miss Wade's service after being behind 30—40. She got the final two points with an overhead volley winner and a blistering passing shot.

Miss May clinched victory after being behind 0—30 and 30—40 in the final game. She brought the game to deuce when Miss Wade hit the ball out and got the advantage when Miss Wade netted a backhand approach shot. On her first match point, Miss May produced a backhand volley winner for the victory.

In the first three days of play, four seeded players have been defeated, including Miss Wade, the No 2 seed Billie Jean King, the No 6 Wendy Turnbull, and the No 8 Terry Holladay.

AUCKLAND: Men: E. Teltscher beat R. Simpson 6—2, 6—0; R. Frawley beat K. Meiler 3—6, 7—6, 6—3. Women: C. Drury (GB) beat S. Chapman 1—6, 6—0, 6—0; H. Anliot beat B. Morris 6—1, 6—0.

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Tradition with its straight bat is digging in on a good wicket

Howzat! Packer appealing for mercy

By John Hennessy

The Sage of North Cheam curled his lip and spat out his reply in two words, or more precisely two and a half words. I had asked him (this was on New Year's Eve), what he thought about the Packer Australians' strong first innings against the Packer West Indians at Adelaide. His reply (which must, alas, be suppressed) suggested that the details of such a match did not amount to a row of beans in any old outback billican.

His view was, and is, that a series of matches between two teams who are basically on the same side must lack total commitment. And all 22 players at Adelaide must have been anxious that the Packer programme this winter should prosper.

But, I suggested, have not the Indians started well against Australia in the third Test match and does not that come under the same cloud of suspicion. "No way", he said (he likes to affect the odd colloquialism). First (he tolled off the points on his gnarled fingers), Australia had not yet won the series; second, a victory for India would not necessarily improve the gates of the last two Tests; third, the more impressive the Australian victory over India in the series the better the team's morale when they went to the West Indies in March. "In any case" (and he now threw his hands down in a gesture of exasperation), "we're now talking about *real* cricket".

Clearly there is a conflict of priorities here. In the ordinary way the West Indians would have wanted to *rub* the Australians' noses in the concrete turf bed, but would they have been moved to dig deep into those reasons in these extraordinary circumstances? Transporting the two teams in separate buses to the ground cannot dispel the thought that basically they have a common interest. Hostilities must be muted when one side knows that it will suffer itself if it goes out for total annihilation; an "essential ingredient", in the words of Bill O'Reilly, must be lacking.

The future of the West Indian players at home is less insecure than players from other countries, but the fact remains that they are under lucrative contract to Mr Packer and would not wish to harm his interests. Yet, another victory over the Australians, which would have given them a 3—0 win in the series, would reduce the appeal of the forthcoming three five-day matches between the same inadequate Australians and a motley throng under Tony Greig who are said to represent the World—in spite of the fact that Graeme Pollock has gone back to South Africa, in spite of the absence of Bishen Bedi, in spite of the presence of John Snow, in spite of the fact that the West Indian contingent must be restricted in number.

If, as was suggested here a week or two ago, the gates over the new year period would be illuminating, the resounding victory of the third Test over the third five-day Packer match in that respect is significant. For the first time the two types of cricket were in direct competition in big cities and the Australian public have shown clearly enough where their preference lies.

The reaction in Australia seems to be much the same as in this country. Opinion polls there had suggested that the Packer matches would command greater appeal. But opinion polls do not distinguish between those, genuine followers of the game, who are prepared to put their money where their mouths are and those who are not, between those who know and those who should know better.

It appears that true adherents, ie those who know what the issues are and where the greater good lies, are solidly in favour of traditional cricket. I have found the same trend in this country. Among my acquaintances, those close to the game side with the ICC and the TCCB, others support what they misguidedly call "the players"—apparently unaware of the fact that the majority of the players are opposed to Packer. On television one sees such well-known and articulate spokesmen for cricket as Dee Wells and Anthony Howard (instant experts on any subject under the sun) taking comfort from Mr Justice Slade's judgment in Mr Packer's favour.

All this, no doubt, will be discussed when the TCCB meet later this month to decide whether or not to appeal against the High Court ruling. They may take the view that it may be Kerry Packer who will by then be appealing—for mercy.

Motor racing

Arrows pointing to future as well as immediate present

By John Blunsden

Things tend to happen quickly in motor racing, but even in the sophisticated and highly organized world of grand prix racing, to take over a factory shell, design and build a formula one car from scratch, and put it on the grid for a world championship race, all in the space of 60 days, is a unique programme.

This is the aim—which seems certain to be fulfilled—of the newly-formed Arrows Racing Team of the former Shadow director, Jackie Oliver, who moved into empty 14,000-square feet premises in Milton Keynes on November 28, and who are committed to putting their first racing car, the Arrows-Ford FA1, on an aircraft on January 21 for the Brazilian Grand Prix, which takes place at Rio de Janeiro

Oliver's key colleagues in this ambitious new venture, are the team manager, Alan Rees, the chief designer, Tony Southgate, and the chief draughtsman and co-designer, Dave Wass, all of whom held similar positions with the Shadow team in Northampton. The new team's financial backing has also come from a former Shadow sponsor, Franco Ambrosio, a wealthy Italian precious metals financier, who has promised the team the funds to compete in all 1978 world championship grands prix, beginning with the Brazilian race. One of Oliver's immediate tasks, however, will be to negotiate a major commercial sponsorship contract in order to ease the financial burden (these days it can cost in excess of £1m a year to run a fully competitive two-car grand prix team).

The Arrows Racing Team's drivers for the coming season are the 29-year-old Gunnar Nilsson, from Sweden, who won the Belgian Grand Prix last season for Team Lotus, and 23-year-old Riccardo Patrese, the promising Italian who made his first grand prix appearance at Monaco last year with Shadow, and earned his first world championship point in the final race in Japan.

Nilsson is convalescing, having had a cyst removed from his groin, but he hopes to be fit enough to drive in Brazil. Failing this, the team's first car will be entrusted to Patrese. The Arrows team (the name comes from the initials of Ambrosio Racing, Rees, Oliver, Wass and Southgate) will run a two-car entry from the South African Grand Prix onwards.

Southgate, who designed the Shadow-Ford DN9 before leaving Northampton, has constructed a basically similar monocoque chassis structure and suspension layout for the new Arrows, but there the similarity between the two cars finishes. The most interesting features of his latest design are the incorporation of removable side panels which act as additional aerodynamic aids, and some clever ducting of cold air on to the rear brakes, which in a grand prix car invariably work at below optimum efficiency.

SPORT

Football

Cup appearance could reduce appeal of Tueart and Jordan

By Clive White

Two of British football's most dangerous and wanted men could come face to face tomorrow and thereby make themselves less *attractive to the bounty hunters* of the first division. Joe Jordan, the fearless, restless forward of Leeds United, will have a heart-to-heart talk with Jim Armfield, his manager, to decide once and for all where his future lies and whether it includes playing against Manchester City tomorrow; *for* City's part only a slight knee injury will prevent Dennis Tueart from taking part in the quality tie of the FA Cup third round.

As both players, still the target of Manchester United, for one British club, have firmly expressed a preference for *the less taxing* demands of football abroad we can perhaps expect to see them both become cup-tied at Elland Road.

Mr Armfield, reluctant to see Jordan placed on the transfer list at £350,000 by the directors on Wednesday, said yesterday: "I shall have a *talk with* Joe and *see* how he feels about things. He has gone very well in training." If Jordan fails to turn out, Clarke, the former England striker, could be given his first game of the season after a knee operation. Madeley, McQueen, Harris and Cherry are all under *treatment for* injuries, but Harvey, the goalkeeper, is set to return after missing three games with a knee injury.

Liverpool have a mixed new year message for Chelsea, whom they visit in the Cup. First the good news. Case and *McDermott* will definitely not play because of injury. And the bad news. Callaghan, Fairclough and Hansen, who has been immobile for four games, should all be fit. Chelsea's reaction to all this must be tempered by the knowledge that their captain, Ray Wilkins, is not perfectly well and has been able to do only light training with a nagging groin injury. Locke, who has not played a senior game since August when Chelsea were knocked out of the League Cup by Liverpool, could come in for any one of several still sore players.

Any man who scores a treble against *Liverpool, even if it is* against the reserves, must be feeling physically and mentally fine. Gowling did so on Wednesday and goes straight into the Newcastle United forward line to face another famous cup battler, Peterborough United. Nattrass, of Newcastle, is another *returning* star. Peterborough, who intend to roll out the red carpet for Newcastle, literally from the dressing rooms to the centre circle at the start of the game, could do with better treatment themselves. Hindley (twisted ligaments) and Butlin (shoulder injury) are definite non-starters and Carmichael does not look too hopeful with concussion.

Nothing seems to be going right either for Leicester City, dumped at the bottom of the first division with their student manager, Frank McLintock. Yesterday Hughes, their recent purchase from Derby County, pulled out of the intimidating tie at Hull with a rib injury. Weller and Kember are already ruled out and Earle is unusable after becoming cup-tied while on loan to Peterborough. "*If we can only* beat Hull", Mr McLintock said, "it would be a tremendous morale booster for the side." It would also be the most surprising win by any first division side on Saturday.

Petchey, the outsider, comes home at Millwall

George Petchey, who nearly joined Millwall, first as a player and then a coach surprisingly found himself as the club's new manager yesterday. Mr Petchey, 44, dismissed by Orient just over four months ago, was given the task of leading the club away from the second division relegation zone by the chairman, Herbert Brundge, when he did not expect it.

Mr Petchey said: "It came as a surprise. I applied for the job when Gordon Jago resigned last month. I wasn't interviewed for it and never expected it when I saw names like Harry Haslam and Bobby Furguson of Ipswich being bandied about.

Mr Haslam has been offered a new four-year contract. The club *chairman, Denis Mortimer,* said last night: "Our meeting was very amicable. Harry wants to think over our offer and has said he will give us an answer by Saturday." But a hitch has developed on the proposed transfer to Aston Villa of Steve Buckley, a full back. Luton's directors are to consider it further. Mr Mortimer said: "Some directors don't want Buckley to leave. Others think that the offered price (£145,000) is ridiculously low.

Tommy Docherty, the Derby County manager has appointed Gordon Clayton to replace Bert Johnson as chief scout. Mr Clayton was assistant chief coach with Manchester United.

Today's fixtures

FA CUP: Third round: Orient v Norwich (8.0).
THIRD DIVISION: Tranmere v Preston.
FOURTH DIVISION: Stockport v Aldershot.

First division manager for once deprived of comforts

Small hatch puts Kop in shade

By Norman Fox

Football Correspondent

First division footballers and managers understandably feel that they have everything to lose at this time of the season when they are called upon to enter the FA Cup at the third round and visit places beyond their usual beaten track.

In the main, managers are thick-skinned and more than adequately reimbursed for the risks of their profession, but in January one occasionally encounters "the boss" deprived of his first division comforts, attending a replay at a minute non-League ground on a cold, wet night. He has come as a spy because the winners play his team in the next round, but *from the moment his secretary* telephoned their secretary everyone knew he was coming.

"There's a bloke 'ere says he's from *The Times*" may raise a sarcastic chuckle at the "Press and Complimentary" gate that stands guarded by small boys and large fathers who wait for a glimpse and a verbal left jab at anyone from television or the papers. But for a top team's manager it's: "This geyser says he's from United", while the instantly recognizable face of a thousand late night interviews patiently grins at the familiar joke.

He has parked his Aston Martin in a stagnant soup of clinker and rainwater and trusted it to a youth who offered to "watch your car mister" and change for a fiver. Delayed still further by the official keeper of the gate who has a handful of brown envelopes with names written in pencil, but now almost obliterated by the rain, he does, eventually, pass into the social club which, on this very special occasion, opens its doors to "complimentary" ticket holders who become members for the evening.

And for the next 10 minutes he gets no farther than just inside the door because those who were here at opening time have been served at a small hatch in the far corner of the room that is packed more solidly than the Kop. They were wise enough to order enough light ale for the night and are already brave enough to need no introduction to a manager who regularly invites himself into their front room at the end of *Match of the Day*.

Brushing an indelible stain of sugary tea and Guinness from his sheepskin coat, he eventually finds the local manager's door and inside is relieved to find an old colleague of playing days and the usual flock of press. By now he is prepared to treat even newspapermen as welcome friends in this outback. But when the time comes for the match to begin he is treated to the cruel experience of having to find his complimentary seat with the aid of his complimentary ticket which is numberless; and he is being watched.

In "A" block in the front row are seats marked "reserved" and he takes one.

"Sorry mate, that's my seat."

"But there's no number on it."

"Can't help that. I always sit there, don't I?"

"But . . ."

"But nothing. Jus t'cos your on the telly more often than me don't entitle you to sit in my place. Go back to United. Plenty of empty seats there the way your lot play."

After the match he is expected to give his views on the winning team and his predictions. Unlike *Match of the Day*, the audience is a few dozen people all within the range of a short free kick and there is nothing for it but to say what a hard side the winners were; how well they "closed *down*" the opposition; what a strong lad their number nine was and that on no account would he underestimate them. His own nine internationals knew they had a match on and there was absolutely no doubt that they would be playing for a result.

"What a good bloke", they say, but his coat was ruined.

Golf

Failure an unacceptable word for Uzielli

By Peter Ryde

Golf Correspondent

A day of almost feverish activity, judged by the usual President's Putter standards, ended at Rye yesterday just ahead of darkness with the holder, Alan Holmes, making a successful start to the defence of his title. With matches starting at the first and tenth and only six minute intervals being possible between them, a certain amount of unseasonal waiting between the shots was inevitable. It looked as though Holmes and Penfold at *the tail of the* field might not finish, but the day's programme was completed with the exception of one match that had gone to the third extra hole before the light ran out.

The comparative slowness of the start had something to do with Holmes, who is naturally a fast player and swinger, being unable to find his game until be had become three down at the seventh. But Penfold missed his drive at the eighth and Holmes, grasping a half chance, made a competitive four *from 20 yards* short of the green.

A longer putt for a birdie on the next green reduced the gap to one and he won three of the next four holes in fours.

Attenborough, who has had so many on-days in the Putter, had an off day yesterday. Behrend took full advantage. Attenborough, who has twice won here, took the first hole but was four down at the turn after conceding the hole three times. Another big, though less surprising victory was scored by Uzielli who played as though failure were an unacceptable word in his household, being married to the British champion who had such a glittering record last year.

M. G. L. Jerrom beat T. M. Powell, 3 and 1; R. G. Ames beat D. J. Sandison, 3 and 2; R. D. Forbes-Watson beat W. J. Ballmache, 2 and 1; D. C. Taylor beat R. P. Lawson, 5 and 4; W. J. Uzielli beat I. R. R. Pattison, 7 and 6; H. M. J. Ritchie beat G. E. Howan, 1 hole; J M. Cowman beat I. E. Hargreave, 3 and 2; J. E. Behrend beat M. F. Attenborough, 7 and 6; C. G. Nevill beat M. R. Jones, 4 and 3; C. P. Harrison beat J. N. Littlewood, 2 and 1; D. T. Sparrow beat R. T. Robinson, 1 hole.

A. D. Swanston beat E. M. de Villiers, 1 hole; E. R. Dexter beat J. K. Leggett, 5 and 4; R. F. Palmer beat G. O. Leach, 4 and 3; T. F. Sharp beat R. C. P. Seddon, 4 and 3; M. J. D. Warren walked over C. J. Bartrum, scr: N. M. Williamson beat D. H. R. Martin, 4 and 3; J. R. Basford beat W. H. Barclay, 1 hole; R. D. Christian beat G. V. Wilkes, 2 and 1; R. A. Biggs beat P. A. C. Cogan, 6 and 5.

M. A. Coleridge beat N. R. M. Philcox, at 23rd; G. G. D. Carter beat J. P. D. Piper, 2 and 1; P. G. R. Webb beat R. B. Parton, 4 and 3; C. J. Dean beat P. M. Sythe, 4 and 3; B. G. Streather beat J. M. D. Moberly, 3 and 1; N. J. Grant beat R. T. Gardiner-Hill, 5 and 4; D. J. Youngman beat P. J. Barry, 3 and 1; I. D. Wehaler beat W. J. D. Moberly, 3 and 2; F. D. Physick beat D. Rowley Jones, 3 and 3; P. L. Osborn beat J. R. Gillum, 5 and 4.

D. M. A. Steel beat C. L. A. Edginton, 2 and 1; J. M. Peel beat A. N. S. Fisher, 1 hole; R. L. Hedley-Miller beat J. R. Sanders, 2 holes; J. P. *Turnbull beat R. W. Cookson, 6 and* 5; T. E. D. Harker beat C. E. Travers, 2 and 1; N. M. Stephens beat J. W. L. Adams, 4 and 3; M. Yates beat B. J. Jenkins, 6 and 4; R. H. Mitchell walked over P. A. Morrison, scr; F. McL. Hayward beat J. W. D. Goodban, 6 and 5.

P. F. Gardiner-Hill beat A. J. Richmond, at 20th; W. G. Morrison beat D. Garforth, at 20th; D. L. Mason beat D. E. F. Simons, 3 and 1; D. G. Choyce beat C. J. Weight, 1 hole; J. S. Sutherland beat G. A. M. Begg, 4 and 3; J. S. A. Nash beat J. A. Nicholson, 6 and 5; N. H. F. Copestick beat A. de C. Aldrich-Blake, 2 and 1; G. J. Apate beat W. A. F. MacDonald, 3 and 2; S. K. Donnellan beat R. W. Krefting, 3 and 2; E. J. C. Dunn beat J. B. Wild, 2 and 1; P. Dawson beat R. Robbins, 2 and 1; R. J. G. Hurst beat R. C. Seward, 4 and 3; M. J. Reece beat M. C. Grint, 5 and 4.

J. D. Cross beat P. D. Southwick, 2 and 1; P. R. Pentecost beat S. A. Sharpe, 4 and 3; J. T. L. Watson beat J. N. Davie, 1 hole; A. P. Stracey beat J. R. Munroe, 4 and 3; A. W. J. Holmes beat G. C. Penfold, 2 and 1; J. M. T. Warman beat P. B. K. Gracey, 4 and 3; J. R. E. Kent beat R. H. Burleigh, 3 *and* 2; J. J. N. *Caplan* beat P. J. R. Bathurst, 3 and 2; K. N. Fisher beat I. A. Bonl, 3 and 2; G. T. Duncan beat E. G. Hurst, 3 and 2; J. Whitmore beat J. D. C. Steel, 4 and 3; A. Disley and P. J. R. Souster, all square after 21 holes (bad light stopped play).

Skiing

Stenmark sets record in World Cup event

Oberstaufen, West Germany, Jan 5.—Ingemar Stenmark of Sweden won a World Cup Alpine ski race for a record twenty-fifth time today and moved even closer towards capturing the trophy for the third year in succession. Stenmark gained his fourth slalom triumph in four starts this season (including two giant slaloms) by returning the best time down the legs of the course in this Bavarian resort.

The victory gave him 100 World Cup points, 30 more than Herbert Plank, of Italy, downhill specialist, and 43 in front of Klaus Heidegger (Austria), who was second today. It also made him the most successful-ever male skier in the cup events. He has *now* surpassed the 24 wins obtained by the Italian Gustavo Thoeni, himself four times winner of the title. If Stenmark can maintain this form in the next two slaloms at Zwiesel, West Germany, on Sunday and Monday, he could make *the rest of the* men's events this season a mere formality. Today's win was his eighth in succession.

RESULT: 1. I. Stenmark (Sweden), 1min 49.81sec (52.78sec+57.03sec); 2. K. Heidegger (Austria), 1min 50.60sec (53.39+57.21); 3. P. Gros (Italy), 1min 50.89sec (53.38+57.51); 4. P. Mahre (US), 1min 51.05sec (53.52+57.53); 5. T. Kalwa (Japan), 1min 51.70sec (53.50+58.20); 6. C. Neureuther (WG), 1min 51.94sec (53.91+58.03).

WORLD CUP (to date): 1. Stenmark, 100 points; 2. H. Plank (Italy), 70; 3. Heidegger, 57; 4. F. Klammer (Austria), 45; 5. H. Hemmi (Switzerland), 40; 6. Mahre, 37.—Reuter.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Conditions Off piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Andermatt	65	120	Good	Powder	Good	Cloud	-6
Good skiing on all slopes							
Avoriaz	90	165	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	-4
Snow super, but wind cold							
Flims	50	90	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	-2
More snow on good base							
Isola 2000	77	115	Worn	Varied	Worn	Fine	-3
Worn areas on all pistes							
La Plagne	90	140	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	-4
Deep powder everywhere							
Les Arcs	50	120	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	-4
Powder snow on hard base							
Mürren	50	97	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	-6
Deep powder snow skiing							
St Anton	60	160	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	-6
Powder snow on good base							
Zermatt	5	40	Fair	Powder	Poor	Fine	-8
More snow still needed							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of *the Ski Club of* Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
GERMANY					
Berchtesgaden	30	90	Good	—	0
Garmisch	25	35	Fair	Snow	-1
Hindelang	35	70	Good	—	-5
Kleinwalsertal	70	150	Good	—	-5
Mittenwald	40	70	Good	—	-5
Oberammergau	30	30	Good	—	-3
Oberstaufen	45	60	Good	—	-6
ITALY					
Abetone	20	40	Good	—	—
Bardonecchia	25	60	Good	—	—
Bormio	10	80	Good	—	—
Canazei	20	100	Good	—	—
Cervinia	30	250	Good	—	—
Claviere	50	60	Good	—	—
Cortina	15	30	Good	—	—
Corvara	20	60	Good	—	—
Livigno	45	50	Good	—	—
Macugnaga	15	80	Good	—	—
Madesimo	30	90	Good	—	—
Madonna di C	25	50	Good	—	—
San Martino	20	50	Good	—	—
Selva	30	40	Good	—	—
Sestriere	40	60	Good	—	—
Vipiteno	—	30	Good	—	—
SWITZERLAND					
Adelboden	20	50	Good	Sun	-6
Braunwald	150	150	Good	Snow	-3
Champéry	30	70	Good	Sun	-1
Chateaux d'Oex	30	80	Good	Sun	-11
Disentis	40	100	Good	Snow	-8
Gstaad	20	50	Good	Sun	-1
Kandersteg	30	50	Good	Sun	-5
Klosters	60	120	Good	Snow	-7
Lenk	30	70	Good	Sun	-11
Lenzerheide	40	70	Good	Cloud	-8
Les Diablerets	30	140	Good	Sun	—
Leysin	30	70	Good	Sun	-10
Morgins	50	80	Good	Sun	-14
Pontresina	20	80	Good	Snow	-14
Saanenmöser	30	60	Good	Sun	-16
Saas-Fee	40	120	Good	Sun	-15
Villars	40	80	Good	Sun	-5
Wildhaus	50	90	Good	Snow	-6

Ice hockey

NEW YORK: National League: New York Rangers 5, Minnesota North Stars 3; Washington Capitals 3, Los Angeles Kings 0; Pittsburgh Penguins [illegible] ... Atlanta Flames 1; Toronto Maple Leafs 5, Colorado [illegible] ... Boston Bruins 5, Chicago Black Hawks [illegible].

International competition: New York Islanders 2, Pardubice 3; Cleveland Barons 4, Kladno 3. World Association: Indianapolis Racers 4, Birmingham Bulls [illegible]; Cincinnati Stingers 5, Houston [illegible] ... Quebec Nordiques 6, New England Whalers 4.

Racing

Henderson and Sea Swell could exploit an obvious opportunity

By Michael Phillips

Racing Correspondent

A new name will be added shortly to the list of those training under National Hunt rules in this country, that of Barry Hills who has built up one of the biggest strings of flat race horses in this country since he first took out a licence to train in 1969. Hills's successes on the flat have been considerable, ranging from a triumph in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe to the smallest success at a course like Pontefract.

Yesterday he told me that he intends running six horses over *hurdles this season*, the five-year-old St Joles, and five four-year-olds, Christmas Visit, Humdoleila, Love from Verona, Stormalong and Wealth Tax. Between them they have already won 15 races on the flat and clearly any one of them has the ability to do well *jumping especially when one* realizes that Rodman was more or less their equal on the flat. Now they must master the technique of jumping at racing pace the way that Rodman has done.

Having been apprenticed to Fred Rimell, who was the leading trainer under *National Hunt rules* for the first time in the season that spanned 1950-51 and has achieved that feat four times since then, Hills certainly ought to know a thing or two himself about the art of spotting potential jumpers and teaching them to jump fluently. Furthermore he *is* himself a fine horseman. Hills's runners this season will be ridden by either John Francome or that successful amateur, Nicky Henderson, who is himself planning to start training later this year after his marriage to Diana Thorne. Along with Hills they have been supervising the schooling of his horses over hurdles on the Downs above Lambourn recently.

Anyone who was at Cheltenham on Monday would have admired the way that Henderson rode the four-year-old Accelerate to win the Evesham Novices' Hurdle for Fred Winter. Henderson had told me the previous day that he intended holding Accelerate up until the last possible moment and delaying his challenge until after they had jumped the final hurdle. And that was precisely what he did. Henderson's handling of Accelerate that day provoked no less a judge than Winter to remark: "That was a brilliant piece of race-riding." That, from a man who was un*questionably one of the greatest* race-riders over fences and hurdles that we have ever seen, was praise indeed.

At Sandown Park today Henderson will be reunited with an old friend, the eight-year-old Sea Swell, on whom he won twice last *season, initially at Haydock Park* and then again at Nottingham. Sea Swell has already won this season over today's course and distance when he was ridden by a professional jockey, and now he returns to Sandown with an obvious chance of winning the Stanley *Handicap Steeplechase*, always providing that he can beat Pacify who has been penalized for winning at Huntingdon on Boxing Day.

There are many penalties today, especially for the steeplechases. Commandant, my *selection to win* the Lonsborough Handicap Steeplechase, has been penalized for winning at Wincanton on Boxing Day and so has Sycamore, who won that same race at Kempton Park a day later after Pendil *had broken down*.

At Wincanton Commandant finished about 80 lengths in front of April Seventh. That was April Seventh's first race of the season admittedly but it is still difficult to envisage him making sufficient *improvement* in the meantime to collar an improving horse such as Commandant now. The ground would not appear to be soft enough for Tip The Wink to recapture his zest and give Commandant almost a stone. Skryne, my selection for the Mole Handicap Steeplechase, *looked full of beans at Newbury* on Saturday, when he won the Old Year Handicap Steeplechase and in his present form I will be disappointed if he fails to give two pounds to Bill Top who has been running over hurdles this season.

It is unoriginal to suggest that Mount Tallant ought to win the first division of the Metropolitan Novices Hurdle, but a short-priced winner is usually better than a long-priced loser and in this instance I am sure that Mount Tallant *is capable* of paying for some of the expenses that have mounted up.



Barry Hills, who is to run six of his horses over hurdles.

On a different front I am pleased to see that the Stewards of the Jockey Club have decided to introduce a system of official approval for equine swimming pools and that they are laying-down standards of security and hygiene at those pools which cater for horses in training. From March 1 no horse will qualify to start in any rac[e] if it has visited a swimming poo[l] which has not been approved a[t] any time in the 14 days prior t[o] the race. The inspection of pool[s] which have grown in number i[n] recent years will be carried ou[t] by the Jockey Club's security an[d] veterinary officers.

The Dickinsons and Richards pray for heavens to open

By Michael Seely

Gay Spartan, winner of last year's Sun Alliance Steeplechase for Tony and Michael Dickinson, has been installed joint favourite at 7-4 with the sponsors for the £8,000 Tote Northern Steeplechase, Haydock Park's feature race tomorrow. Neville Crump's Irish Tony, a close second to Set Point in the Rowland Meyrick Steeplechase at Wetherby, is third choice in the market at 4 to 1. The only other certain runner is Fred Rimell's Double Negative who will be ridden by Colin Tinkler.

The Tote are giving nothing away at these prices. Everything now depends upon the weather. *If it rains hard between now and* tomorrow afternoon Gay Spartan's stamina may gain the day. Otherwise Master H's finishing speed may be the deciding factor.

Another trainer who is praying for the heavens to open is Gordon Richards whose Pattern Maker was backed again yesterday for the *Merseyside Hurdle the same after*noon. "Pattern Maker must have soft ground", Richards told me yesterday. The heaviest support however was for the mount of Ron Barry, the Harry Blackshaw trained Colonel Taj who beat Good Prospect at Cheltenham before finishing third to Hemmings in the Joe Coral Golden Hurdle qualifier last month.

At Haydock this afternoon the Dickinsons can capture the Gamekeeper's Handicap Steeplechase with True Wish. This is the first time True Wish has appeared in handicap company and if he wins this in style the quick-jumping six-year-old will take his place in the line up against The Dealer for the Embassy Premiere Steeplechase Final at Haydock on January 21.

This will be the most important *test for True Wish whose jumping* has been brilliant when demolishing Brother Will on separate occasions at Wetherby and Catterick Bridge. But the gelding has yet to prove his class. He would probably have beaten Fin at Wolverhampton if he had not fallen at the last fence. Although Fin has since won again at Cheltenham he was probably lucky to do so as Sweet Joe was cantering in the lead when be collapsed four fences from home. But not only was the soft ground against True Wish that afternoon, he was also considered to be slightly in need of the race. On this afternoon's sounder surface he is a firm selection to give a stone to Fidler on the Hoof who has been running consistently well all season.

The trainer in form, Rimell, *could land a double with Breeze* Wagon in the White Lodge Amateur Riders Handicap Hurdle and with Timoshenko in the second division of the Birchfield Novices Hurdle. Breeze Wagon sparkled when slamming Willie Wumpkins by 10 lengths at *Wolverhampton. The principal* threat may be posed by Justafancy. Gordon Richards' five-year-old has something to find on the formbook but is a tough and improving type who demonstrated his wellbeing when foiling Broomley at Newcastle.

At Doncaster yesterday Michael Dickinson continued in winning vein when taking the Rose Hi[ll] Novices' Steeplechase on Funn[y] Baby for George Fairbairn and th[e] *Dinnington Steeplechase* on Ang[el] Clare for his father.

As always with Dickinson it wa[s] *his mounts' jumping that wo[n]* them their races. Going to the la[st] but one fence, on Funny Baby the jockey looked round at th[e] hard-ridden favourite, Carbo[n]. Satisfied that he had his oppone[nt] stone cold, Dickinson let Funn[y] Baby take the last jump in h[is] own time. Meeting it perfectl[y] the mare battled on gamely to w[in] by one and a half lengths.

STATE OF GOING (official): Sandown Park: Good. Haydock Park: Good on steeplechase course. Good hurdles course, except on run-in where it is good to firm. Tomorrow: Market Rasen: Good to soft.

Sandown Park programme

12.45 METROPOLITAN HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £770: 2m)

9 Straight Arrow, H. O'Neill, 7-11-2 ...... —
10 4 Straight Jocelyn, R. Armytage, 6-11-2 ...... H. Evans
12 00 Trench, A. Moore, 6-11-2 ...... C. Enright
14 0000-00 Caso Study, J. Joseph, 5-11-0 ...... Joe Guest
16 00 Festival Hall, D. Sasse, 5-11-0 ...... M. Floyd
18 004-403 Legal Branch, J. Giggord, 5-11-0 ...... R. Champion
19 0b0 Masterful, E. Courage, 5-11-0 ...... A. Webber
20 3 Mount Tallant, F. Winter, 5-11-0 ...... J. Francome
22 00-0f0 *Turenne's Last*, R. Flach, 5-11-0 ...... J. Scallan

6-4 Mount Tallant, 9-4 Straight Jocelyn, 7-2 Legal Branch, 8-1 Straight Arrow, 12-1 Festival Hall, 16-1 others.

1.15 STANLEY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,078: 3m 118yd)

203 0f30-44 Capuchin, P. Ransom, 9-11-9 ...... F. Ransom
205 244231 Pacify, S. Mellor, 8-11-2 ...... Mr I. McKie 7
207 f4-1002 Sea Swell (C-D), N. Gaselee, 8-10-8 ...... Mr N. Henderson
209 02-1322 Fiord, C. Bewicke, 8-10-7 ...... Mai R. Faulkner 3
211 0-p330p Coolaru, Pat Mitchell, 12-10-7 ...... Mr N. Ingram 7
212 042220 *Moon Trip, M. Connell, 10-10-7* ...... *Miss C. Saunders* 7
213 03-0244 Ballyhoura Hill, P. Allingham, 12-10-7 ...... Mr S. Andrews 7

5-2 Pacify, 3-1 Sea Swell, 4-1 Fiord, 9-2 Capuchin, 10-1 Ballyhoura Hill, 12-1 Moon Trip, 20-1 Coolaru.

1.45 LONDESBOROUGH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,542: 2¼m 68yd)

301 1-0p010 Tip The Wink (C-D), P. M. Taylor, 8-12-0 ...... A. Carroll
302 33004-0 April Seventh (C), R. Turnell, 12-12-0 ...... A. Turnell
303 1-03431 *Commandant, G. Balding, 6-11-1* ...... *R. Linley*
306 001 Sycamore, J. Gifford, 9-10-8 ...... R. Champion
307 03-a244 I'm Smart, E. Courage, 11-10-0 ...... A. Webber

Evens Tip the Wink, 3-1 Commandant, 11-2 April Seventh, 7-1 Sycamore, 10-1 I'm Smart.

2.15 CARDINAL HURDLE (Handicap: £1,086: 2m 5f 75yd)

401 021-202 Brief Chance, P. Bailey, 8-12-0 ...... J. King
403 221400 Gay Signal, D. Nugent, 6-11-9 ...... B. McNally 7
403 14-01pp Regalian, T. Forster, 5-11-6 ...... G. Thorner
404 00-3434 Linsky, F. Winter, 6-11-6 ...... J. Francome
405 3b12-00 Longacre, D. Gandolfo, 7-11-6 ...... P. Barton
406 321-00 Ardlair (C), R. Armytage, 7-11-4 ...... H. Evans
407 1-03440 Hay Bridge (C-D), H. O'Neill, 7-11-2 ...... —
408 0200f2 Rushmere (C), R. Atkins, 6-11-0 ...... R. Atkins
409 421f-f0 In Vision, P. Cundell, 7-10-10 ...... M. O'Halloran
410 000104 Princes Arcade, G. Kindersley, 5-10-10 ...... R. Evans
411 403210 Merry Kerry (C-D), J. Joseph, 9-10-6 ...... Joe Guest
412 00-303 Genovese, D. Grissell, 6-10-6 ...... R. Linley
413 043110 Rotomar Boy, J. Bosley, 5-10-4 ...... S. Davis 7
415 pp0114- Mistor Tack (C), N. Wakley, 6-10-0 ...... —
416 2p0-000 St Gawain, A. Moore, 6-10-0 ...... G. McNally
417 221-00 Steadfast Jac, W. Guest, 7-10-0 ...... Joe Guest
418 0000-00 Miss Melita, H. O'Neill, 7-10-0 ...... —

9-2 Linsky, 5-1 Hay Bridge, 6-1 Brief Chance, 8-1 Merry Kerry, Genovese, 10-1 Regalian, Gay Signal, 12-1 Rotomar Boy, Mister Tack 14-1 Rushmere, 16-1 Longacre, 20-1 others.

2.45 MOLE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,564: 2m 18yd)

503 042021 Skryne (C-D), P. Bailey, 8-11-12 ...... J. King
504 011-001 Hill Top, F. Rimell, 9-11-7 ...... J. Burke
509 100-003 Socket (C-D), Miss A. Sinclair, 12-10-0 ...... R. Rowell
510 000-000 Ralmatal (C-D), M. Haynes, 7-10-0 ...... G. Thorner
511 420-3p4 Our Arthur, S. Underhill, 12-10-0 ...... A. Webber

4-5 Skryne, 5-2 Hill Top, 5-1 Socket, 12-1 Our Arthur, 16-1 Ralmatal.

3.15 METROPOLITAN HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £781: 2m)

604 0f-0002 Better Than Ever, C. Popham, 6-11-2 ...... Mr C. Popham 7
606 0-p Explorateur, S. Mellor, 9-11-2 ...... P. Blacker
607 Fearless Boy, R. Finch, 6-11-2 ...... J. Scallan
608 Findon Lad, D. Underwood, 7-11-2 ...... *J. Redmond* 7
609 00p- Frosted Glass, R. Turnell, 6-11-2 ...... S. Knight
615 London Glory, M. Delahooke, 7-11-2 ...... J. Suthern
616 320030 Tudor Mystery, E. Beeson, 8-11-3 ...... R. Goldstein
617 300000 Gay Season, H. O'Neill, 5-11-0 ...... G. McCourt
618 0-00f00 Golden Breeze, R. Ledger, 5-11-0 ...... Miss N. Ledger 7
619 Langford Boy, S. Woodman, 5-11-0 ...... W. Smith
620 403 Main Chance, G. Small, 5-11-0 ...... R. Linley
621 0-000p *Prindowa, M. Haynes, 5-11-0 ...... —
622 Simon Slingsby, H. Price, 5-11-0 ...... G. Enright
623 Tallon, R. Turnell, 5-11-0 ...... A. Turnell
624 2 Valarion, C. Benstead, 5-11-0 ...... *R. Atkins*

2-1 Valarion, 7-2 Simon Slingsby, 9-2 Tallon, 6-1 Explorateur, 8-1 Main Chance, 10-1 Findon Lad, 14-1 Tudor Mystery, 16-1 others.

*Doubtful runner

Sandown Park selections

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12.45 MOUNT TALLANT is specially recommended. **1.15 Sea Swell. 1.45 Commandant. 2.15 Linsky. 2.45 Skryne. 3.15 Tallon.**

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Steadfast Jac.

Doncaster results

1.15 (1.15) ROSE HILL STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £904: 2m 150yd)

Funny Baby, br m, by Fable Amusant—Wonder Baby (Lt-Col R. Martin), 7-11-2
M. Dickinson (9-2) 1
Carbon G. Faulkner (11-10, fav) 2
Crimson Glove .. R. Barry (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 Flap Jack (f), 33-1 Aorist (p), Steady, 50-1 Cronella, Tuckers Return (4th). 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 76p; places, 23p, 11p, 16p; dual forecast, 60p. G. Fairbairn at Newcastle-on-Tyne. 1½l, 25l.

1.45 (1.47) GAINSBOROUGH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,648: 2½m)

Ballinionig, b g, by Menelek—Ballinionig Lass (M. Wale), 7-10-1 .... A. Webber (16-1) 1
Bear's Paw R. F. Davies (5-4, fav) 2
Holly Park .... M. Lowry (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 Chosen Slave, 10-1 Lucy Parker (f), 12-1 Rookery Nook (f), 50-1 Wily Talke (4th), Granny's Gift (p). 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 18p, 11p, 80p; dual forecast, 58p. J. Webber at Banbury. 8l, 15l.

2.15 (2.17) BAWTRY HURDLE (Div 1: Novices: £721: 2m 150yd)

Bond's Best, ch f, by Good Bond—Inesie (Mrs B. Nicholson), 4-10-13 .... C. Tinkler (9-4) 1
Hunter's Joy R. Champion (11-4) 2
Pinewood Grange D. Atkins (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-4 Quaiuz (4th), 20-1 Soldiers Field, Triolo, 50-1 *Merry* Legs, Pipe Cleaner. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 11p, 18p, 19p; dual forecast, 49p. A. W. Potts, at Barton-on-Humber. 1½l, 2l.

2.45 (2.47) DINNINGTON STEEPLECHASE (£1,640: 3½m)

Angel Clare, b g, by Comandeer—One-Only (S. Hartley), 7-12-3
M. Dickinson (1-8 fav) 1
Lord Brae .... Mr T. Tate (9-4) 2
Border Brig .. P. Mangan (7-4) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-1 Captain's Deal (f). 4 ran.

TOTE: Win, 15p; dual forecast, 31p. A. Dickinson, at Gisburn. 8l, 12l.

3.15 (3.19) FITZWILLIAM HURDLE (Handicap: £710: 3m 120yd)

Forced March, ch g, by Marmaduke—Marigold (*Ld Zetland*), 5-10-4
M. Stephens (3-1) 1
Lok Yee .... P. Howling (11-4) 2
Tamdhu .. C. Pimlott (5-2 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Poul, 20-1 Festive Star, 33-1 Mr Hegarty, Vono Star, Pavardi (4th). 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 16p, 12p, 16p; dual forecast, 40p. N. Crump, at Middleham. 12l, ¾l. Our Fantasy did not run.

3.45 (3.46) BAWTRY HURDLE (Div II: £755: 2m 150yd)

Helping Hand, b f, by Right Boy—Skerne Glory (E. Smith), 4-10-8
N. Tinkler (7-2) 1
Sergeant Bibot
Mr A. Heath (6-4 fav) 2
Evening Flight C. Tinkler (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 Casarrt, 9-1 Simpson Jersey (p), 20-1 Indian Captive (4th), Kipton, 50-1 Twinkling Boots. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 52p; places, 24p, 11p, 14p; dual forecast, 68p. A. Smith, at Beverley. 5l, 15l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Bond's Best, Forced March, £11.15. TREBLE: Ballinionig, Angel Clare, Helping Hand, £25.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Schweppes Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle, Newbury: All Forever. All engagements (dead): Rosie Mantle, Heather Blessed.

Haydock Park programme

1.0 BOLTON HURDLE (£678: 2m)

1 000243 Bargilleau, G. Wallace, 5-11-10 ...... M. O'Shea
3 0-00401 Golden Murry (D), M. Tate, 5-11-10 ...... R. Hy[ett]
6 132003 Solecism (D), B. Cambidge, 5-11-10 ...... Mr J. Cambidge
9 3-00f40 Roaming Minstrel, R. Hollinshead, 5-11-4 ...... C. Astbu[ry]
10 400000- Swift Half, J. Wilding, 5-11-4 ...... R. Wilding
11 440111 Gala Lad (D), J. Hardy, 4-10-9 ...... N. Tinkl[er]
12 000401 Nampara Cove, B. Wise, 4-10-9 ...... J. Jenki[ns]
15 0 For Hire, A. Potts, 4-10-3 ...... J. Juson
17 003 Markham Lady, E. Magner, 4-10-3 ...... Mrs A. Harvey
18 004 Nemon, E. Jones, 4-10-3 ...... —
19 0000 Priestcroft Star, K. Morgan, 4-10-3 ...... R. Earnshaw
20 Royal Kashmir, J. Hurley, 4-10-3 ...... J. T. Bour[ke]
24 000 Waveland, J. Spilling, 4-10-3 ...... P. A. Charlt[on]

6-1 Gala Lad, 7-2 Golden Murry, 6-1 Nampara Cove, 8-1 Nemon, 10-1 Ba[rgi]llean, Solecism, 14-1 Roaming Minstrel, 20-1 others.

1.30 WARRINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: £689: 2m)

2 11-0f01 Lewis (D), F. Rimell, 5-11-13 ...... C. Tink[ler]
3 001000 Benevolence (D), W. Clay, 5-11-5 ...... N. C[...]
4 4031-00 In View (D), S. Mellor, 7-11-4 ...... S. Jol[...]
5 0 Kailash (D), H. Blackshaw, 5-11-4 ...... C. Holn[...]
6 012 Castor (D), G. Balding, 5-11-5 ...... T. Da[vies]
7 031 Siobara (D), W. Haigh, 7-11-5 ...... P. A. Charlt[on]
8 p-00 Civil List, E. Jones, 6-11-1 ...... —
9 4f1000 Yes Yes Yes (D), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-1 ...... R. Coll[ins]
10 00-0f00 Emma J (C-D), W. Whiston, 10-11-0 ...... P. Barry[...]
11 0 Spring Stone (D), W. Clay, 9-10-13 ...... M. Elliott
12 0400-00 Amber Call (D), D. H. Jones, 6-10-2 ...... D. Cartwri[ght]
13 ff0f-00 Yachtsman (D), A. Perry, 8-10-0 ...... A. K. Tay[lor]

9-4 Lewis, 7-2 Siobara, 4-1 Castor, 8-1 In View, 10-1 Emma J, Yes Yes Ye[s], 14-1 Civil List, 16-1 others.

2.0 GAMEKEEPERS' STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,200: 2m)

2 0-02121 True Wish (D), A. Dickinson, 6-12-1 ...... M. Dickins[on]
3 p04100 John's Knapp (C-D), M. Tate, 10-11-3 ...... C. Sm[ith]
8 222 Fidler On The Hoof (D), K. Oliver, 9-11-1 ...... R. Bar[ry]
9 300002 Cartwright (D), S. Mellor, 5-10-9 ...... S. Jol[...]
10 223200 Mr Pippins (D), L. Barratt, 8-10-7 ...... R. Hy[ett]
12 1r3324 Bright Fergus (D), M. Scudamore, 9-10-5 ...... P. Duggins

3-1 True Wish, 11-4 Fidler On The Hoof, 9-2 Cartwright, 5-1 Bright Fergus, 8-1 John's Knapp, 12-1 Mr Pippins.

2.30 WHITE LODGE HURDLE (Handicap: £776: 2½m)

1 0111-00 Deep Mystery, E. Owen jun, 6-12-0 ...... Miss C. Holbrook
2 11201-0 Royal Bally (D), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-10 ...... Mr T. Dun
4 p-0p0 Java Fox (D), B. Cambidge, 8-11-4 ...... Mr J. Cambidge
5 0-11241 Justafancy, G. Richards, 5-11-0 ...... Mr R. Page
6 033021 Breeze Wagon, F. Rimell, 5-10-13 ...... Mr E. Woods
10 001000 Spiffing, H. Gillum, 7-10-4 ...... Mr A. J. Wils[on]
11 4- Luckoy Mate, R. Wright, 12-10-4 ...... Miss J. Wright
12 2140-02 Four Tens, S. Mellor, 6-10-0 ...... Mr T. Gulpi
13 30-0011 Pearly (D), M. Tate, 6-10-0 ...... Mr J. Butchard
15 11-0030 Foxy Fanny (C), J. Bissill, 5-10-0 ...... Diana Bissill
16 p0-00 Noble Senator, J. Rowley, 8-10-0 ...... Mr J. Rowley
18 03-000u Armed Robbery, R. C. Price, 10-10-0 ...... Miss J. Price
20 p0 Palova, E. W. Smith, 11-10-0 ...... Mr R. Savage

3-1 Breeze Wagon, 4-1 Justafancy, 5-1 Pearly, 6-1 Four Tens, 8-1 Deep Mystery, 10-1 Royal Bally, Spiffing, 12-1 Foxy Fanny, 20-1 others.

3.0 EARLESTOWN STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £921: 3m)

1 2311f Billet Doux II, G. Fairbairn, 7-11-12 ...... C. Hawk[ins]
5 b-p0003 Cossak Prince, W. D. Francis, 8-11-5 ...... R. F. Day
6 pp03 Evening Frolic, R. C. Price, 10-11-5 ...... S. Park
8 b44 Hal's Slave, W. A. Stephenson, 8-11-5 ...... G. Faulk[ner]
10 00-p0 Our Jimmy, M. Tate, 7-11-5 ...... R. Hy[ett]
11 1-0033f Prince Maythorn, D. Nicholson, 8-11-5 ...... R. Man[...]
12 00302-0 Silent Comfort, D. McCain, 7-11-5 ...... R. Ba[...]
13 3200-20 Start Anew, R. Murphy, 8-11-5 ...... D. Cartwri[ght]

5-4 Billet Doux II, 7-2 Prince Maythorn, 5-1 Hal's Slave, 8-1 Cossak Prince, Evening Frolic, 14-1 Start Anew, 20-1 Our Jimmy, Silent Comfort.

3.30 BIRCHFIELD HURDLE (Novices: £665: 2m)

2 Red Hawthorn, T. Brookshaw, 7-11-9 ...... E. Brooke
5 000-202 Timoshenko, F. Rimell, 5-11-9 ...... C. Tink[ler]
7 0 Alanrod, E. Birchall, 5-11-7 ...... R. F. Day
8 30003 Delaware Bay, M. Tate, 5-11-7 ...... C. Sm[ith]
9 0003 Mr Dram, A. Dickinson, 5-11-7 ...... M. Dickins[on]
10 0040 No Reflection, D. H. Jones, 5-11-7 ...... D. Cartwri[ght]
11 p-00 *Troops Tale, W. D. Francis, 5-11-7* ...... A. K. Tay[lor]
12 Wickwell, A. W. Jones, 5-11-7 ...... P. Man[...]
14 1330 Saintly Sorrel, W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-13 ...... R. Coll[ins]

7-4 Timoshenko, 5-1 Mr Dram, 4-1 Delaware Bay, 6-1 Saintly Sorrel, [...] Wickwell, 14-1 No Reflection, 20-1 others.

Haydock Park selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.0 Gala Lad. 1.30 Siobara. 2.0 TRUE WISH is specially recommend[ed]. 2.30 Breeze Wagon. 3.0 Billet Doux II. 3.30 Timoshenko.

Taunton

1.0 (1.3) HEDGECUTTERS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £800: 2m 3f)

Le Jet, b g, by Lear Jet—French Laughter (Admin of Late P. Blackburn), 6-11-8
P. Carvill (100-30) 1
Fredrick John .. C. Gray (2-1 fav) 2
Galloway Edition . D. Ranger (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Jolly Sailor (4th), 20-1 Proper Charlie. 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 50p; dual forecast, 62p. Miss S. Morris at Chard. 12l, 3l.

1.30 (1.32) ROADMEN'S HURDLE (Handicap: £364: 2m)

Tudor Maestro, ch g, by Tudor Music—Blonde Bomb (M. Low), 6-11-5 ...... B. Jones (4-5) 1
Lagor Boy - John Williams (9-2) 2
Silent Town .. P. Carvill (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Slide Over Baby (u), 15-2 Gala, 16-1 Tunis, 25-1 Kloten (4th), 33-1 Apache Lady, Cheering Rocket. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 14p; places, 11p, 21p, 68p; dual forecast, 33p. M. Low, at Mathon. 6l, 3l. Winner bought in for 800 guineas.

2.0 (2.3) DITCHDIGGERS HURDLE (Handicap: £730: 3m 1f)

Magic Note, gr h, by Crooner—Magic Fin (M. Sanders), 6-9-H
M. Barrett (5-1) 1
Agir .... E. Wright (10-1) 2
Light Infantry .. P. Leach (13-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Firsino, 6-1 Copper Bar, 7-1 Flying Gamble (4th), Portway Nick, 8-1 Mrs Stephens, 9-1 Kastrup (s), 14-1 Major Crisis, 20-1 Moss Way, 25-1 Tiepin, 33-1 Timber Queen, Canranicl (p). 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.33; places, 45p, 29p, 83p; dual forecast, £2.84. W. Williams, at Buckfastleigh. 1l, 8l.

2.30 (2.32) NORTON FITZWARREN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £872: 3m 1f)

Alexangio, ch g, by Tangle—Alexina II (Dr W. Fullerton), 12-11-1
Dr D. Chesney (9-2) 1
Brown Jock .. S. Parkyn (7-1) 2
Captain Clover .. Mr B. Venn (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Irish Shamrock, 9-2 Ivy Tree (4th), 15-2 Sixer, 9-1 Kick On, 14-1 When Lad, 16-1 Red Trump, 33-1 Vapour. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 40p; places, 20p, 27p, 32p; dual forecast, £1.00. Dr W. Fullerton, at Dorchester. 4l, 3l.

3.0 (3.3) PLOUGHMAN'S HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o novices: £396: 2m)

Dean's Guy, b c, by Double Jump—Mississa (E. Halliday), 11-0
R. Floyd (7-4 fav) 1
Cindermouse .. C. Brown (14-1) 2
Pucka Fella .. I. Fowler (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 Lah Int (p), 12-1 Peaceful Valley (p), Peacock's Pal, Pipe Band, 14-1 Mount Stephen, Petulune, 33-1 Arctic Gables (f), Cairn (4th), June Burr, Legal Laird, Prince of Towy, Princely Call, Swanee Rhythm. 16 ran.

TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 27p, 29p, 17p; dual forecast, [illegible]. D. Wright, at Winchester. 2l, 2l.

3.30 (3.36) PLOUGHMAN'S HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o novices: £382: 2m)

Lellerellan, gr g, by David Jack—Nicky's Vulnan (Major P. Ness), 11-0 .... R. Linley (11-2) 1
Vardes .... P. Hobbs (10-11 fav) 2
Cannon of Milton, A. Carroll (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Marrakesh, Wind Penny, 11-1 Sylvia's Dream (4th), Tembola, 14-1 Brancaster, 33-1 Chestnut Walk (p), Dessina, Golden Columbine (f), Wrays Meadow. [...] ran.

TOTE: Win, 71p; places, 24p, 1[...], 54p; dual forecast, [...]. G. Balding, Weyhill. ½l, 7l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Magic Note, Dean's Guy, £30.60. TREBLE: Tu[dor Maestro], Alexangio, Lellerellan, [...].

Boxing

Magri back at Albert Hall for bout with Nunez

Charlie Magri, the British flyweight boxing champion, returns to the Albert Hall on January 24, this time to pit his skill against Santos Nunez, of Mexico. It was only five weeks ago that Magri brought the London crowd to their feet with his brilliant seven rounds defeat of Dave Smith, to win the title in his third professional fight.

Now he meets Nunez, a California-based boxer who has gone the full distance with Juan Jose Guzman, a former WBA junior flyweight champion.

Magri's manager, Terry Lawless, is delighted with the match. "I do not want to put Charlie in with top world rated boxers at this stage of his career, but at the same time he has to start boxing Mexicans. After all Mexico produce so many of the best flyweights", Lawless said. "Not to take a fight like this would be putting off the inevitable. He is going to fight a lot of them in the future, so now is the time to start giving him the right sort of experience."

Jimmy Batten, the British light middleweight champion, also from the Lawless stable, also has a 10 rounds meeting with a Mexican, Zoveck Barajas, from Los Angeles, who has managed to draw with Carlos Palomino and beaten Bill Backus and Armando Muniz.

In another important bout Tony Poole, of Kettering, meets Dave Proud (Penge) in a 12 round eliminating match for the British light middleweight title. It gives Poole a second chance to fight for the British crown. He lasted 12 punishing rounds against Maurice Hope in 1976. Hope, the current European and Commonwealth champion, relinquished the British title to concentrate on a world challenge. Poole won the Southern area title in October, when he beat Tony Hudson with an eighth round knock-out.

Rugby Union

Late promotion for Dennison in Irish trial

Alfred McLennan has withdrawn from the Probables side for the Irish trial at Lansdowne Road tomorrow.

McLennan, *who plays for* Wanderers, has influenza. He is replaced on the left wing by Seamus Dennison (Garryowen) who moves over from the Possibles. Dennison's place will be taken by Joe Miles (Malone), and Owen Lysaght (University College, Galway) is added to the list of replacements.

Nigel French, a Wasps' centre, has been added to the travelling reserves for the England trial at Twickenham. French is called up to replace Andy Maxwell (Headingley) who has been promoted to the Rest team against England, because of the failure of Coventry's Geoffrey Evans to recover from a hamstring injury.

Athletics

David Shaw new full-time secretary of Board

By Cliff Temple

Athletics Correspondent

David Shaw, a 41-year-old former international steeplechaser from Manchester, is to become the first full-time secretary of the British Amateur Athletic Board. Mr Shaw, whose appointment was announced yesterday, will take up his duties on April 3. At present he is training adviser to the North Western Provincial Councils Employers' Organization, but will be moving to London shortly to start the process of familiarizing himself with his forthcoming Board commitments.

Mr Arthur McAllister, chairman of the BAAB, said: "Over 160 applications for the post were received, two of which were from women. We drew up a short list of nine applicants for interview in December, and Mr Shaw was told that he was the success[ful] one just before Christmas."

A family man with two you[ng] children, Mr Shaw can point [to] *just the mixture of qualificati[ons]* the Board were seeking. As [an] active athlete, he was Scott[ish] 3,000 metres steeplechase cha[m]pion in 1957, and a British inte[r]national the following year; [his] best time of 8min 57sec is still [a] respectable performance tod[ay]. He has been deeply involved [in] athletics administration in t[he] Royal Air Force, where he [has] spent much of his career, leav[ing] as a squadron leader. "When [I] retired from active athletics [I] wanted to remain involved [in] some form", he said yesterd[ay]. "Not often do you get a chan[ce] in life for your qualifications [to] come together for a job whi[ch] not only do you think you c[an] do, but would also love to."

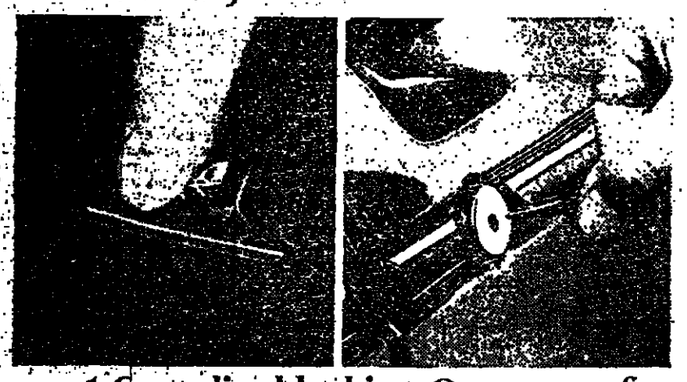
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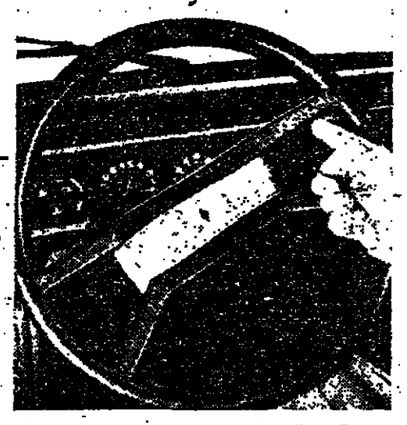
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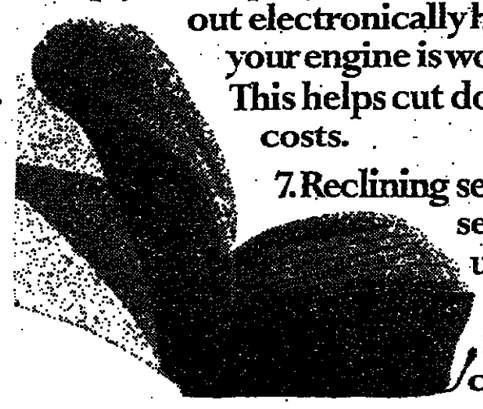
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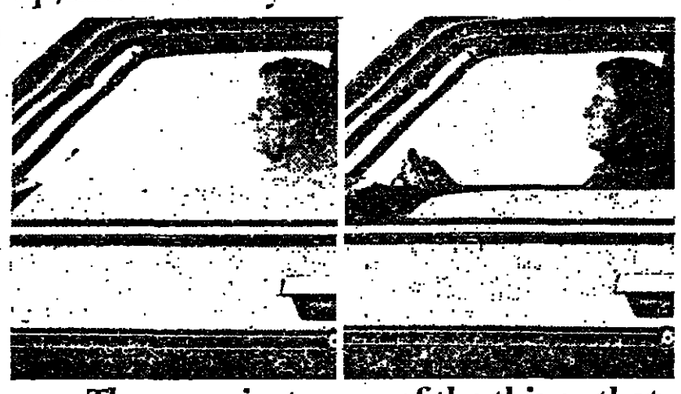
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Arrests and repression are not stopping the Czech Chartists

Exactly a year ago today, Charter 77 was given a slightly premature birth by the Czechoslovak secret service (STB), when they intercepted a car carrying writer Ludvik Vaculik, playwright Vaclav Havel and the actor Pavel Landovsky.

In it were found copies of a declaration, now famous as the Charter Declaration, which the three men had been on their way to post to Dr Husak's government and the Czechoslovak *news* agency CTK.

Charter 77 was the result of a complex series of events last year. Ostensibly its inspiration was the Helsinki Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and the *ratification by* Czechoslovakia in March 1976 of the International Pacts on Civil and Political Rights and on Economic and Social Rights.

The chartists stated that rights guaranteed by these conventions "remain only on paper": for example freedoms of expression, association and religious confession, rights to strike and to education for all, and so on. They offered to enter into a "constructive dialogue" with Dr Husak's government over implementation of human rights.

The freedoms lacking in Czechoslovakia today are the same as a year ago, although more people are subject to discrimination either because they signed the Charter or expressed sympathy for it. The only "dialogue" was conducted across the interrogators' table. The chartists succeeded in drawing the attention of the world to an occupied Czechoslovakia and killed the myth that acquiescence had been bought by government promises of better consumer goods.

The Charter has changed the atmosphere in the country. Until the autumn of 1976 opposition was confined mostly to protest letters written by prominent writers and politicians of the 1960s. The open support which these almost "state sanctions" dissidents gave to two rock groups on trial for non-conformist music created a new atmosphere of trust and solidarity in which it was possible for the Charter to grow.

The movement, comprized communists and non-communists, atheists and Christians, underground culture and prominent intellectuals. It had a mass appeal which the government recognized.

Federal Minister of Interior Jaromir Obzina justified the hysterical anti-Charter campaign by claiming that "without instilling fear, as many as one or two million people would have signed the Charter."

The signatories were subjected to various forms of repression: several have been arrested; 130 *lost jobs and hundreds* more were demoted. Other measures ranged from 24-hour surveillance and frequent interrogations to loss of driving licences and telephones.

Despite discrimination against the signatories and their relatives and sympathizers the number of chartists has grown from 242 to 998. (The latest list of 82 new chartists was issued on December 21).

The government campaign backfired when many workers refused to sign the government-sponsored anti-Charter resolutions unless the Charter was first read to them. The percentage of workers amongst the *chartists has steadily increased* since February 1, 1977.

Out of 381 who signed between February and December, 203 are workers. They now form one third of total signatories and are a standing reminder of the government's failure to buy political docility with increased living standards.

Quite apart from those who openly signed the Charter there are thousands who are active in *furthering its aims. There are* also those who signed but at that time did not wish their names to be revealed. Most notable among these are Ales Machacek and Vladimir Lastuvka, two technicians from *northern Bohemia who were* sentenced to 3½ years imprisonment last September for alleged distribution of Charter documents and Czech literature published abroad.

Next week the Supreme Court will hear their appeal and yet they and all other victims of discrimination had done nothing illegal under the international conventions which today are part of Czechoslovak law.

The Charter movement has managed to introduce politics into the lives of the younger generation for whom the "Prague Spring" was hardly a distant memory. Many have signed the Charter, others have created similar informal groups of their own.

Young apprentices from Prague and Brno, despite immense pressure to stop them, *attend private lectures by* purged academics in what came to be known as Jan Patocka's university, in memory of an original spokesman of the Charter who died following an 11-hour long interrogation about *his meeting with the Dutch* Foreign Minister, Van der Stoel, last March.

The chartists fulfilled the promise made in their original declaration to document cases of infringements of civil rights and to submit proposed solutions. Chartist documents have so far dealt with discrimination in the spheres of education, publishing, religion, popular music and with the violation of trade union rights.

So far all the documents have been signed by official Charter spokesmen but it is possible that this year there will be many documents prepared and signed only by informal interest *groups within the Charter.* The chartists decided to encourage independent, individual and group activities provided they did not contradict the Charter's stated aims.

This decision probably led the *STB* to believe that they could exploit the natural differences of opinion within the Charter and create an atmosphere of factional distrust and suspicion. For example, they are now hinting that they have evidence of the existence of a group which wants to challenge the law and society as a whole.

In this connexion they interrogated at least 50 chartists about a plan to kidnap some party leaders allegedly proposed by Petr Uhl, former leader of the banned Revolutionary Socialist Party, who has already served four years for his Marxist convictions.

Even this tactic failed and many chartists of different views are expressing full solidarity with Petr Uhl who is now under a 24-hour surveillance.

The increased level of persecution against the chartists raises the question whether the Charter has made things worse. This is best answered by the late Professor Patocka in his last testament: ". . . in the past no conformity has yet led to any improvement in the situation, only a worsening. The greater the fear and servility, the more brazen have the authorities become, are becoming and will become. There is no other way to make them relax *the pressure than to show* them that injustices and discrimination are not ignored." This the Charter will continue to do in 1978 and for a long time to come although it may use varying methods.

The combination of various factors such as ever increasing support for the Charter, the emergence of embryonic cooperation between opposition movements in several East European countries, the increasing economic difficulties in Czechoslovakia, the influence of Eurocommunist parties and the bitter struggle between the technocratic and hardline dogmatic factions in the party leadership whose respective leaders, Lubomir Strougal and Vasil Bilak, hope to succeed Husak could create an atmosphere conducive to change.

If a change would narrow the gap between the letter of law *and the present day Czechoslovak* reality it will be also due to the courage of the Charter signatories.

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The Assembly will command an allegiance Westminster will be unable to undermine

Why the word 'devolution' hides the real power for Scotland

The Scotland Bill will have more fundamental consequences upon the development of British political institutions than any legislation that we are likely to see in our lifetime. But the precise nature of these consequences is obscured by the vague term "devolution".

For devolution implies a *mere delegation of power from* a superior political body to an inferior with the corollary that, in Mr Enoch Powell's words, "power devolved is power retained".

In reality, however, the position of the Scottish Assembly will be that of a body coordinate with Westminster rather than inferior to it. As the representative body of the Scottish people, it will command an allegiance *which Westminster* will be unable to undermine. The elaborate constitutional safeguards designed by the Government to prevent the Assembly from misusing its powers, will therefore be worth *little in practical terms.*

The history of Stormont shows how supposedly subordinate legislature determined to use its powers to the full, can easily circumvent constitutional restrictions. The prohibition of religious discrimination in Northern Ireland enshrined in the 1920 Government of Ireland Act, could never be made effective: and on the one occasion when the British Cabinet attempted to use its power to withhold assent to a Bill from Stormont, the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Sir James Craig, threatened to resign, and the British Government was compelled to give way.

Scotland will be in an even stronger position than Northern Ireland, since the Scottish Assembly represents not an artificially created province, but a nation with a history of independent statehood and a tradition embodied in concrete institutions expressing the *subtle differences which divide* Scots from English. And the option of independence is for Scotland a real one, which it never was for Northern Ireland.

Politically, then, the Scotland Bill should be seen not as a devolution or delegation of power, but as establishing a division of legislative power between London and Edinburgh. For although the powers of the Assembly are not constitutionally guaranteed, they will be *politically* guaranteed by the support of Scottish public opinion against any attempt by Westminster to assert its supremacy.

Parliamentary supremacy in Scotland becomes not "the supreme authority—to make laws" in the now deleted section 1 of the Bill, but merely a possibility of making the occasional legislative incursion into Scotland and perhaps the chance to put an end to the Assembly as Mr Heath put an end to Stormont in 1972. That is not quite what is meant by parliamentary supremacy.

In theory, then, full legislative power remains with London, and the framework of the unitary state is preserved; but in practice, Parliament will have transferred its power over a wide area of public policy to the Scottish Assembly. What was once a real power to make laws for Scotland will have become the mere power to exercise some minimal degree of supervision over another elected body.

It would be better to recognize explicitly the implications of this new division of powers, and instead of hedging the Assembly with restrictions *which will cause the maximum* of ill-will for minimal political gain, to seek to negotiate a real constitutional settlement with the Scottish people. The Bill indeed points the way to the principles upon which this *settlement might be based.*

For the Bill creates a quasi-federal system of government in Scotland, with a political division of powers being buttressed by an embryonic constitutional court in the shape of the judicial committee of the Privy Council. The missing element in this new constitutional structure is a division of the taxing power between London and Edinburgh.

An amendment to the Scotland Bill put down by Mr Alick Buchanan Smith, a former Scottish minister and Shadow *Secretary of State for Scotland,* supported by Liberal MPs would have given the Scottish Assembly the power to raise an income tax.

Unfortunately the guillotine prevented this amendment from being reached. That is a pity since the financial arrangements in the Bill constitute the most serious source of instability in the new pattern of government in Scotland. If it is *not put right by Parliament,* the chance of a settlement by agreement will be wrecked, and a powerful impetus given to the forces of separatism.

The Scottish Assembly, having the power to spend but not to tax, will be tempted to bid high for funds from London. The political debate in Scotland, therefore, instead of being concerned with competing social and economic philosophies, *will become increasingly* orientated around the issue of which party can squeeze the most out of London: for whatever the standard of roads or hospitals or schools in Scotland is held to be inadequate, London will be to blame. Thus the Assembly will take on the character of a pressure group focused on London, rather than an independently functioning legislature.

The Government in turn will find itself drawn into discussion of the details of the Assembly's expenditure proposals since it will have to say that expenditure on X will qualify for grant from the centre, whereas expenditure on Y will not.

The notion of a "technical" formula to determine the relevant allocation of public expenditure for Scotland must be a chimera since, as the annual squabbles over rate support grant show, the allocation of public expenditure involves a political decision by the government of the day, and one that is not to be evaded by statistical techniques and regression analysis.

It is best that this political decision be entrusted to the new domestic government in Scotland, the Assembly.

Granting the Scottish Assembly the power to raise an income tax would allow the settlement with Scotland to evolve in an explicitly federal direction. If a federal system of government in the United Kingdom helped to secure a genuine dispersal of power from an increasingly over-loaded and clogged central machine, then indeed "devolution" might turn out to have been a worthwhile exercise after all.

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England's heart beats with pride in Wantage

English nationalism is a gentle, diffuse sentiment compared with the shriller varieties that bay around it. But if the idea of England has a heartland, it must be somewhere near Wantage in the Vale of the White Horse.

The oldest known road in England, the Icknield Way, passes beside it. As the Ridgeway *it runs along the top of* the Downs. By this high road over the wide Downs and this low road through the tight Vale our ancestors, Palaeolithic hunters, Neolithic farmers, Celts from Western Europe, Romans, Saxons, Danes, and Normans made their way from the English Channel and the Bristol Channel to settle in the south of the inviting green island.

Alfred the Great was born in Wantage. His Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Wessex was the origin and eponym of England. It is not surprising that English roots go deep in the quiet little market town of Wantage.

How deep they go is shown by a remarkable do-it-yourself community project, in which the citizens and children of Wantage are preserving their long past with their own hands. Since June the Vale and Downland Museum Trust has raised more than £20,000, and started building its own museum.

The enthusiast behind this *unusual activity is the local* doctor, Dik Squires. It all started because the fine old Berkshire barn beside his cottage was decayed, and too small for the monstrous machines and bales of modern farming. For agricultural reasons it had to be demolished, although for architectural and historical reasons it would have been a crime to destroy such a splendid example of eighteenth-century local carpentry. When the village forefathers hauled those mighty trusses of oak and elm vertical they intended them to stand until Doomsday.

Dr Squires persuaded the *owner to let the trust restore* Tulwick barn with volunteer labour, and convert it into a rough hotel or oak tent and community centre. The timber cathedral has bunks for 15 in the roof, and a great hall and stage down below on the stone floor, where the corn was once thrashed while the wind blew the chaff away through the big double doors.

Last week the clog-dancers and the town band were using the barn. Parties have camped in it and used it all summer and autumn for activities ranging from resting after hiking over the Downs to spreading some not gospel. The trust is busy *saving other derelict* local barns and converting them to community use, as far more fitting furniture in the Vale of the White Horse than the expensive and ugly concrete and glass of modern municipal building.

Preserving the history

The fledgling trust's most ambitious project is to convert the old town surgery into a museum and community centre to explain and preserve the history of this ancient and secret heartland of England.

Wantage urban district council bought the site for the museum, and on June 4 an army of schoolchildren and other volunteers started to clear it. The magnificent parish church opposite was built as a community project, with the townspeople casting loads of mellow Cotswold stone many miles, because the people wanted to do something to the glory of God and Wantage with their own hands.

In a touching and inspiriting way the same thing is now happening with the Wantage museum. Anybody who believes the propaganda that the English are sleeping and have forgotten their heritage should take a ride down the Vale of the White Horse. While other nationalists are more demonstrative, the ancient English cherish their *deep roots.*

Philip Howard

Bernard Levin

The frightening truth society dares not admit

Brian Inglis's new book, *Natural and Supernatural,* is to be published in a couple of weeks' time, by Hodder and Stoughton. I read it in proof some months ago (the author is an old friend and ex-colleague) and believe it to be an extraordinarily important and valuable work, sensational in what it contains and even more so in its implications. I am not, *however, proposing to review it* here or now; what I want to do is to discuss the reviews it is going to get.

Such an intention may suggest that I have been dabbling in the very subject-matter of Brian's book, and reading the comments on it in my crystal ball. By no means; judicious speculation is my only stock-in-trade, and my knowledge of the attitudes that the book will inevitably inspire in some of those who will be writing about it my only substantial evidence.

Yet the exercise is worth undertaking, though to explain why, it is necessary for me to say something about the nature of the book. Its title does indeed describe its subject-matter (the sub-title is *A History of the Paranormal*); after a brief glance at earlier periods, *Natural and Supernatural* plunges into the modern world at the beginning of the eighteenth century, and traces the course of supernatural happenings and the response to them in fascinating detail, stopping at the First *World War.* (The author intends to bring the story up to date in a second volume.)

The author's technique can be simply described: it is one of ruthless overkill. Knowing of the profound reluctance in so many people to accept the possibility that there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of in their philosophy, and knowing how ingenious, not to say absurd, are the "explanations" offered to explain that which the explainers find inexplicable, he has piled up a mountain of evidence, searchingly examined and scrupulously evaluated, so gigantic, multifarious, honestly *attested and unshaken that I* give you my word, as one who has always, in these matters, trodden the tightrope of rigorous scepticism without ever swinging on the trapeze of dogmatic disbelief or being fired *from the cannon of gullibility,* that it is simply not possible, *after reading the book, for any* that those who were nevertheless able to believe as though they could see had special eyes, for which cardboard could act as a mirror, and thus enable them to see what was happening behind them.



Uri Geller: his critics could not bear the thought he might be genuine.

And at this point I abandon discussion of Brian's book to discuss the almost equally fascinating—indeed, in some ways *more* fascinating—matter of the terror that seems to seize many intelligent and large-minded people at the suggestion that the universe may contain, may even be run on, principles beyond either their control or their understanding.

Now in view of the fact that *that is true of each individual* —for we all act in accordance with our heredity, our upbringing, our genes, our traumas, our general psychic make-up our relation with our parents, even (it is said) our toilet-training and our very birth—it has long seemed to me astonishing that a belief in the unpredictability of our own actions is so often matched with a fanatical denial of the unpredictability of the universe.

And yet I could write Miss Brigid Brophy's review of *Natural and Supernatural,* and of course Mr Nicolas Walter's, and even Sir Alfred Ayer's far more reasonable and intelligent one, merely by understanding that the need in some human beings not to believe is almost as great as the need to do the opposite that is in others.

Is not the negative need, when you come to think of it, the most remarkable tribute ever paid to belief? Far more so, that is, than the positive need? For the negative hunger, the resistance to the idea of a transcendent reality, the terror of a force that might make sense of everything (it presents itself in the form of a terror of losing control, but that is what it is, all the same) seems to me to go far towards demonstrating the validity of the very argument it rejects. Men, after all, get passionately exercised in trying to convince the world that it is flat; it must be a good many centuries since anyone got angry while promoting the theory that it is round. We do, all of us, exhibit aggression far beyond anything logic demands, against those forces or individuals which or whom we fear. And the violence of the hostility towards the supernatural—towards, for we can be still more comprehensive, the inexplicable—is such that I believe it can only be explained *as disguised fear.*

But who fears something which he really believes to be nonsense? And who does *not* fear something which he does not really believe to be nonsense, but which would demand, if it were sense, that he change the entire basis of his life? And the strangest thing about this particular pair of questions is Brian Inglis's relation to them, for there is an extra*ordinary fact about his book* which will strike any reader of it as even more remarkable than the evidence he adduces; what that fact is I shall not here discuss, for it would lead me to do what I must not, and write a review of it.

Mind you, if the reviews of Brian's present book are predictable, the reviews of his second volume have, in a sense, already been written. For in that, when he gets down to it, he will be discussing—indeed, it will inevitably form a large part of the work—the phenomenon of Uri Geller, and the most interesting thing about *him* is the terror-filled rage that he inspired among people who could not bear the thought that he might be genuine. And thereby hangs a tale, for there were scientists who tested his achievements in strict laboratory conditions, came to the conclusion that they were genuine, *and then refused to publish their findings.* Fear of the truth in the universe is one thing: fear of *one's own truth is even more* remarkable. Brian Inglis' book is powerful Dutch courage for the conquering of that fear: I look forward with relish to its reception at the hands of those who still find their nerve not *strong enough.*

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Underneath the arch, to Arab unity

Middle East tensions being what they are, especially in London this week, you will understand my trepidation as I passed under the Islamic arch at the Iraqi Cultural Centre in London yesterday. The police were only just keeping out of sight and traffic wardens were unusually busy, taking car numbers.

There was, actually, no cause for alarm. The only drama came when savoury delights such as dolma, kufta and kubbo failed to arrive and the centre sent its own car to Ealing to pick them up.

Inside the centre, in dramatic contrast to what was happening outside, Arab unité was total. The exhibition of graphic art (open to the public on January 18), includes *works by artists* from eight Arab nations. Some of the artists mingled there, amicably rubbing out national borders.

There, too, was Robert Lacey, author of *Majesty,* soaking up atmosphere for a book about King Khalid. He speaks not a word of Arabic, so any day now he starts a three-month crash course at a London language school.

Someone wondered aloud if Mr Lacey was trying to repair some of the damage done to Anglo-Arabic relations by Linda Blandford in her book the *Oil Sheiks.* Mr Lacey was not to be drawn on that one, beyond saying that he thought Miss Blandford's book had been a trifle superficial.

He told me that sales of *Majesty* are still holding up well, that the paperback will be out soon and that when he goes to Gordonstoun shortly to give a lecture about the book, Prince Andrew will be in the audience. It will, apparently, be the *first* time he has talked about the book in front of a member of the Royal Family.

The Surrey Comet carries a funeral directors' advertisement offering "a complete service to any destination." I always thought the choice of route was taken out of our hands.

Ex libris: this is the point of no return

A branch librarian with Wiltshire County Council has won £100 in a magazine competition. The pity is, I cannot tell you much about the ideas that gained her the prize. This is because competitors were asked to submit ideas about how to prevent thefts from public *libraries and, being a public-*spirited person, I must make the criminal's task more difficult, not easier.

Miss Pat Gould's master plan is revealed in the current issue of *Top Security International,* the crook's worst friend. As well as having the best pork pies in the country and some of the greenest hills, Wiltshire seems to have more than its fair share of light-fingered gentry.

Take, for example, the *Readers Digest Book of British Birds.* It has flown not only *from her own branch library* but from every other branch in her area.

As for encyclopaedia, the thirst for knowledge in Wiltshire seems unquenchable. Pages and illustrations are ripped out, and when Miss Gould replaces them with photographic copies, these *vanish too.*

Miss Gould dreads the advent of a new craze. When the film *Jaws* played in the area, every book about fish life was shorn of its pictures of sharks. She predicts that the *next casualty will be books* about skateboards.

And, with Britain now in the grip of *Star Wars* dementia, I do not give much for the survival chances of works by Azimov, Clarke and Edgar Rice Burroughs.

Musical and Naval version of The Egg and I

I was telling you, the other day, how the long memory and fine judgment of Yehudi Menuhin brought a Liverpool conductor his big chance to conduct the Berlin Philharmonic.

Here is a companion piece. When Gian Carlo Menotti's opera *The Egg* was premiered in the Washington cathedral last year, the key tenor role of St Simeon was understudied by Alburtt Rhodes who is serving in the United States Navy.

The opera had its British premiere in the Nottingham mother church of St Mary last Tuesday night and moves—in a production by the Nottingham Music Theatre—to Derby Cathedral tonight.

Signor Menotti is a patron of the company, a group of young professionals. So impressed was he by Mr Rhodes's performances last year that he recommended he should be given the role of St Simeon in Britain. The American Navy, in a commendable hands-across-the-sea gesture, has given him special leave to enable him to do so.



The First Lady's G-Women

French security men attached to watch Madame Giscard d'Estaing, have been not a little amused by Mrs Carter's cohort of "G-Women" who have escorted her about during the presidential visit to France.

At the suggestion of Mme Barre, wife of the French Prime Minister, Mrs Carter popped round to the Centre Georges-Pompidou to take in its collection of modern art. Mme Pompidou, the late President's widow, was there to act as guide along with the Minister of Culture, Michel d'Ornano, Mme Giscard d'Estaing and Mme Barre.

So, too (to the alarm, no doubt, of the "G-Women"), were the general public. The *gallery's management felt Mrs* Carter would get more of the feel of the place if she were allowed to mingle with the other tourists. The "G-Women", walki-talkies at the ready and no doubt packing heavy revolvers *in their hand*bags, were not noticeably spending much time looking at the Henry Moores and Matisses on view.

Mrs Carter survived her tour cheerfully, and was able to write in the centre's golden book (which actually has a steel cover) that it was a "very interesting and exciting museum".

The question of product liability, interminably discussed in consumer circles and already the subject of a European draft directive and a lengthy report from the Law Commission, is well calculated to produce a high degree of ennui. We should not be amazed, therefore, to read the following in the minutes produced by the National Consumer Council from a recent conference of consumer organizations: "The conference also supported the Scottish Consumer Council's view that in deciding a limitation period, as much lassitude as possible should be given to claimants."

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MURDER OF A MODERATE

It was entirely predictable that the Palestine Liberation Organization would blame "agents of Zionism" for the murder of its London representative, Mr Said Hammami. There was a time when that accusation would have had a certain credibility—particularly in the period after the massacre at the 1972 Olympics when the Israeli secret service had all but officially declared a counter terror campaign for the hunting down and killing of PLO leaders and agents anywhere in the world; it would have been just conceivable in the period a little later when Israel appeared in serious danger of being forced by the great powers to accept negotiations with the PLO and the creation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Mr Hammami more than anyone else in the PLO had identified himself with such a solution to the conflict, and the Israelis made no secret of their irritation at the seriousness with which his advocacy of it was taken in many Western circles.

That danger, however, has clearly receded since President Sadat's visit to Israel last November. Egypt is now negotiating directly with Israel about the future of the Palestinians, which the PLO as such has apparently vanished from the agenda. President Sadat says that by joining the Tripoli rejection front it has in effect cancelled the decisions of the Algiers and Rabat Arab summits recognizing it as sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. That is perhaps unfair. After all, the Tripoli meeting came only after President Sadat had gone to Jerusalem and put the Palestinian case as he saw it without mentioning the PLO, thereby implicitly usurping what he had hitherto recognized as its role.

What is true is that the PLO missed an historic opportunity, perhaps never to return, by not clearly endorsing the programme which Mr Hammami advocated. If Mr Yasir Arafat, when he addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1974, had delivered the speech which Mr Hammami was to give four months later at a London seminar under the title "a Palestinian strategy for peaceful co-existence", he would have created a tide of world opinion in his favour. As it is, he has constantly equivocated about whether he was willing to envisage peaceful co-existence or not, until finally President Sadat lost patience and went ahead without him.

In these circumstances it is hard to see that Mr Hammami any longer represented any danger to Israel. Nor for that matter was he any longer a danger for extremist Palestinians, since the chances of the PLO being involved in the kind of compromise he advocated were now much less. By ignoring the PLO Mr Sadat had in effect united it on a rejectionist programme, and cut the ground from under the feet of those like Mr Hammami, and indeed Mr Arafat himself, who had sought to keep the PLO roughly in step with Egyptian policy. Mr Arafat has had to align himself, for practical purposes, with the policies of Dr George Habbash, the leader of the old "rejection front".

But this victory tastes sour to the rejectionists, who can see that the prospect of a peace agreement between Israel and Egypt, to be followed sooner or later by other Arab states, makes it much less probable that the Arab-Israeli war will be pursued to the point where Israel at last collapses and the Palestinians regain the whole of their country. Would that point ever have been reached, and if so at what cost to the Arabs, including the Palestinians? It is not very likely. But what the rejectionists are sure of is that the Palestinian cause has suffered a severe, if not a mortal, defeat. For this they blame Mr Sadat, "American imperialism", and also those within the PLO whom they accuse of preparing the ground for capitulation by advocating compromise solutions and establishing contacts with moderate Israelis.

Mr Hammami, with Dr Issam Sartawi, was the man most prominently associated with that policy. He had frequently been denounced as a traitor by his more extreme compatriots—and it is among them that the assassin must probably be sought. In fact he had lived with the threat of assassination from various quarters for several years, and it is highly regrettable that he was not given more effective police protection. Sad to say, London in the past year has become a high-risk city for Arab politicians and diplomats.

More violence is almost certainly to come, as the feelings of frustration and rage produced among the Palestinians by Mr Sadat's initiatives have certainly not yet worked themselves out. It is a time for all countries to redouble their anti-terrorist vigilance. But the Palestinian extremists should ask themselves whether this road leads to anywhere but further destruction; and the Palestinian political leaders should consider whether by rejecting his initiatives root and branch, they are not actually helping (or perhaps obliging) Mr Sadat to settle without them.

A SYMBOL OF THE HUNGARIAN NATION

It is in the nature of communist regimes to start by trying to destroy all remnants and symbols of the past. They need to show that a new era has begun and that their legitimacy derives from ideology rather than from historical continuity or the votes of the people. But most reach a point where they find they need the past after all because ideology has not provided the legitimation they expected. The Soviet Union eventually stopped destroying churches and ancient monuments and started to restore them.

In eastern Europe the regimes have been more ambivalent because national feeling can be a threat as well as a prop, but most have been trying in one way or another to re-connect with history. One of the first things Mr Gierek did on taking over in Poland in 1970 was to start an appeal for public funds to rebuild the royal castle. Even the East German regime has tried to claim a national heritage through selected strands in the German tradition. And today Hungary is at last getting back the Holy Crown of St. Stephen, a resonant symbol of the national heritage which has been in the custody of the United States since 1945.

President Carter's decision to return the crown has been criticized by some Hungarians in the United States. They point out that the crown, which was given by Pope Sylvester II to King Stephen in the year 1000 to mark Hungary's conversion to Christianity, has been regarded at least since the sixteenth century as the embodiment of constitutional authority without which no ruler can claim legitimacy. (Even if, as some scholars claim, the present crown was substituted for the original after 1044 it is still invested with the same significance.) Hence President Carter is accused of conferring historical and even religious legitimacy on the present communist regime of Hungary.

This is to take too narrow a view. The crown belongs to the Hungarian people, not to the regime, and the United States has no special right to hold on to it. President Carter has taken great care to insist that he is returning it to the people, not specifically to the regime, and today's ceremony is supposed to reflect this. He has also insisted that the crown should be put on permanent public display. The regime has agreed. He has therefore done what he reasonably can to avoid appearing to place the crown directly on the head of Mr Kadar, the party leader.

There is, of course, a political dimension, but nobody can be quite sure how it will work. On the one hand the United States is certainly acknowledging that the regime is not wholly divorced from the people. This is reasonable. Mr Kadar may not be the person the Hungarians would choose in a wholly free election but he is widely respected for doing the best for his country in its present situation. He has allowed economic reforms which, although now somewhat curtailed (partly because of stresses imposed by trends in world trade) have brought Hungary better living standards than most other countries in eastern Europe. He has allowed, slightly more personal and cultural freedom than the Russians really approve of. He is an authentic national leader in the sense that he pursues the national interest within existing limits. The crown brings with it from the United States some recognition of this fact, and there is no reason why it should not. It is part of the same policy that took President Carter on his recent visit to Warsaw.

On the other hand the crown is also a symbol of national sovereignty and independence. If people choose to see it more in this light it could be less comfortable for the regime. Mr Kadar doubtless feels strong enough to cope but it may be significant that—perhaps partly with an eye on Moscow—the official press has been somewhat shy about the return, and especially about the date and place of today's ceremony. National feeling is one thing but even Mr Kadar cannot afford to hear too much about independence.

PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S TWO-EDGED VICTORY

By any normal standards of democratic procedure, Wednesday's referendum in Chile, with its overwhelming victory for President Pinochet, was so bizarre that its outcome is bound to be suspect. It was a referendum called at two weeks' notice without an electoral roll or independent supervision, in which all the authorized campaigning was conducted on behalf of the Government, since the opposition parties were under a ban, and in which voters could reasonably be apprehensive about the consequences of voting against the Government. So it can hardly be seen as an index of the degree of support really given to President Pinochet and his policies, either on matters of domestic or foreign policy.

On the other hand, it was unquestionably a success for President Pinochet in internal political terms, and will have considerable effects in that area. President Pinochet insisted on having the referendum in spite of strong opposition from two other members of the military junta, the commanders of the Navy and the Air Force. Now that it has been held, and he has received the sort of majority he wanted, the effect will be to enhance further his own position within the military regime, a process which began soon after the armed forces took over and has been continuously resisted by the other members of the junta. President Pinochet, who was initially no more than the commander of the Army, can now claim political backing from the country as a whole, quite independent of his military position.

The referendum was the first national poll to be held in Chile since the armed forces took over in September, 1973. It was called by President Pinochet in reaction to a resolution adopted by the United Nations which censured the Chilean regime for its violation of human rights and raised the possibility of various forms of coercion. His calculation was that Chileans would feel sufficiently indignant about the resolution to rally to the support of the Government on it, and that he could use the occasion to get a rigging affirmation at the same time of support for the Government. It would be a chance to present the military regime as having real popular backing, and so meet criticisms from the United States and elsewhere. Other military regimes in South America have announced plans for elections. This would be the Chilean way.

The calling of the referendum is in fact a sign of greater self-confidence in the Chilean regime. After several years of austerity, backed by repression, the economy has turned the corner. Repression remains severe, as the International Commission of Jurists pointed out in its report this week, but the scale has been reduced, and the regime appears to feel that it can meet criticisms from abroad. The holding of the referendum was a chance to capitalize on the popularity that President Pinochet and the regime in general certainly have in some sectors of Chilean life.

The question for the future is whether they can contain the pressures that are now making themselves felt in Chile. In the past month or two, discontent with the tight military grip has begun to be expressed again, among the copper miners for example. The campaign for the referendum, in spite of official discouragement, included street demonstrations by opponents of the regime, complete with pamphlets attacking the referendum. This is the sort of activity that Chileans, a political people with a democratic tradition, regard as normal, and they are not likely to give it up again if they can help it. In his victory remarks, President Pinochet spoke sneeringly of politicians and said that there would be no more elections for ten years. But the Chilean political situation is opening up, and the referendum was a major factor in it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pay and pensions in Civil Service

From Mr F. G. Burrett

Sir, The recent letters from Lord Orr-Ewing (December 30) and Mr Paul Dean (January 4) in your columns are welcome evidence of a healthy public interest in the Civil Service pay system and the arrangements by which civil servants pay for their pensions. There are, however, some misunderstandings in these letters which should be corrected.

The Government have not fallen short of the recommendations of the Expenditure Committee on the future staffing of the Pay Research Unit in the way assumed by both your correspondents. The Agreement the Government reached with the Civil Service unions, which was announced in Parliament on November 21 last year and of which a copy was placed in the House of Commons Library, makes clear that in future a proportion of the staff of the Unit itself will be recruited from outside the Civil Service. Advertisements for such staff are about to be placed. It has also been agreed that future appointments as Director of the PRU will be made on the basis of the best candidate available for the job, regardless of whether he or she is a civil servant.

It is not the case, as Lord Orr-Ewing suggests, that Civil Service salaries are reduced by only 1½ per cent to take account of differences in conditions of service such as job security and index linked pensions. The ways in which all the main differences from company cars to pensions are carefully taken into account in pay research were set out in detail in the Civil Service Department's published evidence to the Expenditure Committee, and I will not repeat them here. But on pensions in particular, it must be made clear that civil servants pay for their's in three ways. They pay direct contributions of 1½ per cent of salary for widows and family benefits. In addition, in deriving Civil Service salaries from the outside rates reported by the Pay Research Unit the full amount of the contribution paid by outside employees (typically about 5 per cent) is deducted. Finally a further deduction calculated by the Government Actuary (and last fixed at 1¼ per cent) is made for the difference in pension benefits (including inflation proofing) between the Civil Service scheme and outside schemes.

The Expenditure Committee expressed the view that this third adjustment has not been sufficiently explained in public. The recent agreement with the Civil Service unions provides that the assumptions made by the Government Actuary in fixing that element of the reductions will in future be published and thus available for public scrutiny.

Finally, it is necessary to say once again that inflation proofing of pensions is not an exclusive Civil Service benefit. The practice is more widespread than is generally acknowledged and applies to all the public services, including for example policemen, firemen, nurses, doctors, teachers, the Armed Forces, MPs and a wide range of workers in the nationalized industries. Moreover, from April this year everybody in employment will have the chance to earn an inflation-proofed pension under the new State Pension Scheme.

I hope that this letter will reassure your correspondents. Those responsible for Civil Service management are as anxious as they are that the Civil Service pay and pension arrangements should be visibly fair and correct in their operation.

Yours faithfully,
F. G. BURRETT, Deputy Secretary,
Civil Service Department,
Whitehall, SW1.
January 5.

Harmonizing with Europe

From Mr B. Capon

Sir, We have now been members of the European Community for five years and yet there is still no sign that we are trying to harmonize in many areas. For instance when are we going to introduce:

(i) Compulsory military service (or an alternative)
(ii) Identity cards
(iii) Driving on the right hand side of the road
(iv) Longer university courses

If we drag our feet in this way how can we expect our partners to believe that we have any intention to become good Europeans?

Yours faithfully,
B. CAPON,
5 Borden Road,
Glasgow.
January 1.

Honours List

From Mr R. T. Arguile

Sir, What!, no recognition of the services rendered to the travelling public by Freddie Laker, the man who has made travel to the States and, one hopes, many other places the much more financially easy?

So many honours are awarded for less contribution to the public interest. Let up hope that, ere long, Mr Laker will receive the recognition due to him for his enterprise and his determination to get Skytrain flying.

Yours faithfully,
R. T. ARGUILE,
12 Edward Road,
Market Harborough,
Leicestershire.
January 2.

From The Reverend Dr W. P. Stephens

Sir, The fascinating—and it seems consistent—feature of the honours list is that more ministers and priests are recognized in the Overseas list than in the British list.

Is this because ministers overseas are more given to serve the church and community than those in Britain? Or is it that service to the church and community is less worthy of recognition in Britain than being a member of the Civil Service?

Yours sincerely,
W. P. STEPHENS,
61 Northover Road,
Bristol.
January 3.

Greater relevance in universities

From the Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Surrey

Sir, It is a pity that so influential a figure as Lord James of Rusholme should berate the recent trend towards greater relevance in universities (report, January 4). There is still a long way to go!

It has always been easy to raise a quick cheer in some quarters by contrasting the study of Aeschylus with Sociology or Production Engineering, but it often has the hollow ring of self-justification. Those who have direct experience of the tough academic disciplines which are the modern equivalent of the classics do not find them intellectually less demanding because they are more relevant.

Of course, the more arcane subjects will always be exactly the right prescription for a few souls and they should continue to be cultivated. What is damaging to the organic growth of true scholarship is the myth, still prevalent in universities, that remoteness is a positive virtue; that a scholar must be especially worthy if his work is to no avail.

It appears to stem from two beliefs. The first is that a quest for real fundamentals is involved in remote work—but if this is truly so (and it frequently isn't) the work is relevant and should be seen as such. The second is the serendipity argument, that discovery often happens by sheer chance—but by definition this is just as likely to occur if the scholarship is relevant.

There is some danger that the myth may be a cover for a degree of academic idleness or self-indulgence. People within universities can generally think of a few such cases; people outside can often think of more.

The ideas, knowledge and technologies that are necessary for complex societies to cope in the contemporary world are advancing at an astounding rate and in my opinion the universities need to actively pursue relevance without sacrificing rigour. Otherwise they will be passed by, declaiming the while about "elitism".

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE LEE,
Pro Vice-Chancellor,
University of Surrey,
Guildford.
January 4.

The Moors murderers

From Dr Rhodes Boyson, MP for Brent North (Conservative)

Sir, God is concerned in eternity with the forgiveness of sins. Law is created by fallen man to protect our fragile society. Only an age of agnosticism could mix the two and offer convicted criminals of particularly vicious crimes forgiveness and freedom.

The life sentence for the Moors murderers must mean life. Any retreat from that would convince the mass of our people that our leaders did not care for their dead and their potential victims.

I remain,
Your obedient servant,
RHODES BOYSON,
House of Commons.
January 4.

From Mr Bruce Stewart

Sir, It may perhaps be *ad rem* to recall the case of Gilles de Rais, the medieval child murderer. He of course was executed for his crimes, but not before he had been offered public repentance, something of which in fact he availed himself, and received, public forgiveness. It made of his dying a curiously holy act. The people of Nantes were moved by it: weeping for the human condition if not for de Rais.

We have today no effective means of forgiving those who commit gross crimes. At the time of their trial, Rebecca West described Brady and Hindley as "not of our kind", and it seems the judgment remains. Thus we will not execute them, for that might seem to lower us to their level, nor will we admit in any practical sense of their repentance, for that might raise them to ours. Where in society might they be expected to "fit in" if they were ever released? I have read that the killer of young Maria Goretti in Italy contrived to end his days in a monastery. The cloister might well be bombed if even that compromise were achieved here.

The implications of all this are of course a bit shattering. When there was still hanging in this country I was one of the thousands who campaigned against it, but mainly I think because I feared the miscarriage of justice. These cases are quite different. We must face it: either we *are* prepared to forgive Brady and Hindley and (following current penal philosophy) readmit them to society, or we are condemning them to a fate far more horrible than the rope's end. We are insisting that they endure living death. Sometimes, in an age of what I believe to be genuine public compassion, we are strangely merciless.

Sincerely,
BRUCE STEWART,
7 Hayes Lane,
Kenley,
Surrey.
January 4.

Kilometres for miles

From Dr Richard Mayne

Sir, The European Community is so big a target that it takes a lot of stick. Sometimes, it deserves it: no set of laymen is infallible. But may we begin the New Year by pointing out that the EEC is not responsible for imposing kilometres on Britain in place of miles? This is entirely a matter for the British Government and Parliament—not for the "Brussels Eurocrats". On July 27, 1976, the Government approved a "directive" on units of measurement which like all directives left it up to Parliament to enact the necessary legislation. Moreover, even this directive specifically excluded the mile from any mandatory change, saying simply that the position would be reviewed before the end of 1979. Any action on the mile taken, announced, or rumoured is therefore entirely a British responsibility, and the EEC deserves no part of either the credit or the blame.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD MAYNE, Head of the UK Offices,
Commission of the European Communities,
20 Kensington Palace Gardens, WS.
January 5.

From Mr John Stevens

Sir, With regard to the proposed adoption of kilometres as a measure of road distance and kilometres per hour (kph) as a measure of road speed, I feel it should be brought to the attention of your readers that both these units and in particular the latter may themselves be superseded in the near future by units of the "Système Internationale" (SI). In simple terms SI only permits the use of units themselves derived as simply as possible from the three basic units of mass, length, and time, ie, gram, metre, and second. In common with all other varieties of the metric system, permitted derived units must express their terms in multiples of "ten"; in the case of SI only multiples of one thousand are acceptable.

Thus the SI unit of velocity becomes metres per second (m/s). Since an hour represents 3,600 seconds, it is not an acceptable SI unit. The English-speaking world is reluctantly adopting the conventional metric system since this is what world science has been clamouring for over the past century. Now scientists worldwide are switching to the SI units. Their extension into our everyday lives is as inevitable as has been that of the conventional metric system hitherto.

Rather than spending many millions of pounds in the switchover to an obsolescent system of measurement, we should surely consider spending the same amount of money, if any change indeed be necessary, toward adopting SI which will take us comfortably into the twenty-first century.

Sincerely,
JOHN STEVENS,
51 The Ridings,
Ealing, WS.
January 2.

From Mr Alan Westlake

Sir, Father Adrian Hastings' defence of the mile (January 4) is misconceived. A thousand paces was a reasonable measure for the marching Roman soldier but now every one is motor borne.

Mile has no more magic in it than league but I doubt whether Father Hastings would inform his nephews that from London to New York is so many leagues by air.

As a great grandfather I am of course concerned about introducing small children to the real world. This will mean a slight alteration to our nursery rhymes, eg,

How many kilometres to Babylon?
Seven multiplied by ten.
Can I get there by official lighting up time?
Yes and back again.

Yours etc,
ALAN WESTLAKE,
Chanctonbury,
Fullers Road,
Rowledge,
Farnham,
Surrey.
January 4.

From Sir Robert Lusty

Sir, The mile. Surely we could retain its name and diminish its length? We managed to decimalise our currency without change to its vernacular. No one, I think, imagined that our entry into Europe would require us to tinker with the English language.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT LUSTY,
The Old Silk Mill,
Blockley,
Moreton-in-Marsh
Gloucestershire.
January 4.

Training interpreters

From Mr Ewald Osers

Sir, The episode of President Carter's Polish interpreter—following as it did so shortly upon President Sadat's Arabic-to-English interpreter's rendering the word for "opponent" as "enemy"—again highlights the issue of professional qualifications of interpreters and translators. It is only these spectacular failures that make the headlines, but those of us who are sometimes required to arbitrate or adjudicate complaints of poor translation or, more often, to pick up the pieces and undo the damage done by incompetent practitioners, know that these instances are considerably more frequent. Most of the time they are due to the still widespread belief that a reasonable knowledge of source language and target language is the only requirement for proficient translation or interpreting.

It is just over a year since the Unesco General Conference, meeting in Nairobi, strongly endorsed the thesis "that translation is an independent discipline requiring an education distinct from exclusively language teaching and that this discipline requires special training" (Recommendation on the legal protection of translators and translations and the practical means to improve the status of the translator, V, 11) and called on member states to implement a series of measures designed to ensure the highest possible professional standards among practitioners of the craft. It is very much to be hoped that HMG (who was one of the 145 governments to vote for the recommendation) will shortly embark on the legislative implementation of the principles it accepted 13 months ago, and that other countries will do likewise.

Perhaps the incident in Warsaw will make the public—and, above all, the users of translations—realize that interpreting and translation, at anything above the domestic level, are activities more safely entrusted to those who have spent years learning and practising their profession.

Yours, etc,
EWALD OSERS, Chairman, Translators' Guild,
Vice-President, Fédération internationale des traducteurs,
24a Highbury Grove, N5.

The challenge from developing nations

From Dr W. E. Ormerod

Sir, The important article by William Rees-Mogg (December 12) on the challenge of developing countries to our living standards and subsequent correspondence leave unconsidered an important aspect of the development of poor countries and their relationship to the developed world. The richer countries are located mainly in the temperate zone north of the fortieth parallel and the poorer mainly in the tropics and subtropics; there are no comparable land masses in the temperate zone of the southern hemisphere.

Mineral and energy resources are distributed more or less at random over the globe, although extraction may have proceeded further in the north; the overriding difference between the two groups lies in the climate and in the soil resources which depend upon it. Economists and politicians frequently ignore this difference.

In effect, industry, urbanization and the growth of population have produced a demand for food which in the north has stimulated a great expansion of agricultural production; but in the south the more recent growth of populations and demand, notably in India, Africa and South America, have, on the contrary, increased the rate of degradation of the soil and further impoverished the already massive rural populations. Their food deficit has had to be made good from the north, viz, from the North American corn belt.

Short of entirely new strategies in agriculture and industry it is not difficult to see the same trends continuing in the relationship between north and south. Increasing industrialization and increasing rural poverty will continue to increase the size of urban populations and the supply of cheap labour, and your correspondents give evidence that electronics, leather and textiles are under increasing pressure; steel seems particularly vulnerable, and it is likely that many other manufacturing and processing industries will be affected as more technological data is transferred to the countries where labour is cheap.

The main industry in which these factors do not apply is agriculture, for it is only in the north that the present methods of intensive agriculture can be maintained on a large scale without degradation. It seems important that more attention should be given to agriculture, not only to protect our own position in the north but to stabilize the more serious conditions which are beginning to appear as a result of the increase in economic development in the tropics.

I am, yours faithfully,
W. E. ORMEROD,
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine,
Keppel Street, WC1.
January 4.

Choice of reactors

From Mr P. J. Searby

Sir, In your editorial of January 3 you state "One estimate of the development costs of the AGR (Advanced Gas-cooled Reactor) is £3,000 million, or a cost-overrun of over £1,000 million—higher than that for Concorde". This figure is totally incorrect. The vast majority of the development work on the AGR has been carried out by the Atomic Energy Authority at a cost totalling some £150 million.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. SEARBY, Secretary,
United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority,
11 Charles Street, SW1.

'Coptic New Testament'

From Mr Henry G. Button

Sir, In his article about the Oxford University Press (December 31) Philip Howard mentioned the *Coptic New Testament*, by David Wilkins, which was on sale at the Press from 1716 until 1907. Throughout this period of nearly two centuries it should be added, the price of the book remained unchanged at twelve shillings and six pence a copy.

An anonymous history of the Press that was published in 1922 has this to say about the sale of the last copy of Wilkins's book: "From these vaults was drawn into the upper air, in 1907, the last copy of Wilkins's *Coptic New Testament*, published in 1716, the paper hardly discoloured and the impression still black and brilliant."

Yours faithfully,
HENRY G. BUTTON,
7 Amhurst Court,
Grange Road,
Cambridge.

Apron or bib?

From the Very Reverend C. A. Shaw

Sir, With the greatest respect to Mr Rees (January 4) he is talking about two different articles. As he rightly points out a napkin tucks under the chin. It is large, white and protects one's front. Some of us have used it this way since nursery days. The other article he refers to is quite another thing. It is usually coloured, paper, the size of a pocket handkerchief and among the *cognoscenti* is known as a "serviette". Far from protecting any part of one it is a damned nuisance as it keeps slipping off on to the floor.

A proper napkin of proper size worn correctly protects equally lap as well as chest. There are few pleasures to equal getting into one of these. And he is quite right, there are fewer of them. I suspect they cost the earth to launder.

Yours obediently,
ALLAN SHAW, Canon Precentor,
The Canon's House,
Hereford.

From Mr D. Scott-Kerr

Sir, In England a table napkin is primarily used to wipe the lips after eating some European-type confection such as spaghetti bolognese.

At mealtimes in the nursery, however, where eating habits are a little messy, a bib and tucker are a *sine qua non*.

Yours faithfully,
DUGGIE SCOTT-KERR,
21 Burnthwaite Road,
Fulham, SW6.

Ernest Bramah's works

From Mr T. J. Rix

Sir, It gave me great pleasure to read Mr Bernard Levin's column today (December 30), as I too have long been an admirer of Ernest Bramah's Chinese stories. My enthusiasm began, if time has not clouded the recollection, when, at the age of 15, I bought a Penguin edition of one of the Kai Lung books at its full published price of 6d.

Mr Levin may be interested to know that Ernest Bramah was resident in Hammersmith for some thirty years, living close to Ravenscourt Park. Soon after his death his widow presented to these libraries a copy of all his published works on condition that they were kept in the local collection for reference use only. The collection contains not only all the Kai Lung and Max Carrados stories, but also his earliest published work, *English Farming and Why I Turned It Up*, 1894, *A Handbook for Writers and Artists* published under the pseudonym "A London Editor" in 1898, and *The London Handbook*, 1897, and *The London Yearbook*, 1898, both published by the Grosvenor Press with which Bramah was associated.

Yours faithfully,
T. J. RIX,
Borough Librarian.
London Borough of Hammersmith Central Library,
Shepherds Bush Road, W6.

Foreign Report

Dubai: a frantic pace before the oil runs out

The word Dubai suggests limitless wealth and tax-free profits for those brazen enough to grasp them. Its reputation for high wages is legendary, but behind the legend shelter the strange anomalies attendant upon split-second modernization. The exotic flavours of the East form a back-drop to the frenetic struggles of the Europeans in their efforts to be effective. American limousines surge steadily past a café, in which an Arab sits, his arm a perch for hawks. Beside an experimental crop farm in the desert, which blooms unexpectedly with green, pigeons flutter in thousands around their huge dovecote, blithely awaiting the day they are flown as prey for the Royal falcons. Out in the Gulf stand the rigs, the reason for it all, like moon-landing craft frozen in belligerent advances on each other.

The first physical impression is bizarre. The outer perimeter resembles an enormous construction site, which, roughly, is what it is. Stacks of raw materials stand in colossal piles apparently randomly in the desert. Criss-crossing the empty expanses, brand-new dual carriageways sweep from one junction to another, awaiting the day they become the arteries of a modern suburb. In the evening when the sun starts to sink rapidly, the suffusion of brilliant colours mixing with the canopy of dark is strikingly lovely. But not so fine as the dawns, with their trailing pink streaks, and often a ground mist in a thick band dissolving as you watch it. The character of the centre of Dubai is typified by the creek-side which holds the sharpest contrasts. Principally on the Deira side, the creek is a line of huge modern buildings. Some like the Intercontinental Hotel are elegant and finely designed. The rapidity of their construction and a foreign labour force, mean that the interiors can be gimcrack, but the exteriors are generally good. Money buys better and the word budget is new coinage.

Moored in the creek are the dhows, traditional wooden trading vessels of a thousand years standing. They are altered no whit in their outer designs now, but empowered with ocean-going engines, and with nudie pin-ups (or the nearest thing permissible) tacked to the wheel-house. Here trade, mostly in Indian textiles, but also in a large range of commodities, is carried on as of old, the merchants haranguing each other in harsh, high Arab voices as they sit on cargo bales drinking tea. Only yards away in the offices is the clack of telex machines, the hum of business.

Life in Dubai is extremely fast. In other fast places, there is usually efficiency to meet speed. Not so here, where daily effort is measured in curses, taking a step forward, then two back. In truth, the Arabs have failed to fit bureaucracy to a town recently a humdrum and old-style port. The inrush of bankers, businessmen, engineers and technicians took the old system by surprise, although the resulting mêlée bred a competitiveness which the ruler, Shaikh Rashid, had foreseen and judged good. Now the rush has died down, and the companies who established themselves early with fair dealing find their integrity paying off. The bureaucracy is just starting to comprehend what is going on around it. In the near future this is likely to mean some restriction on the freedom of Europeans, who to date have enjoyed the most easy-going conditions in the Gulf.

These "ex-pats" have a strange life. Dubai with its lucrative allurements takes its toll in a tension which eats into the nerves of the foreign national. He is tempted to build up around him a sophisticated "pleasure-dome", exhibiting the luxuries and affluence which back home he wouldn't expect from a lifetime of work. Yet beneath it, he has to work hard to relax. Marriages commonly find themselves going to pieces under conditions which superficially seem providential. Somehow, through a combination of factors not easy to pinpoint, Dubai proves nerve-racking and intense. Perhaps it is the heat and the perpetual peeping of car horns, or the dazzling brightness and the fundamental alienness of it, frustrated intentions and the beguiling image of money-piles just out of hands reach. To the Westerner, the fact that whatever happens, Allah wills it, is disturbing rather than comforting.

The pressure is most obvious on the roads: it is in traffic that the conflicting temperaments of different races find their arena for ritual purgation. The quality of driving is fearsome, tempers are short, and powerful engines are revved under the baking sun. Bumps are multiple, and serious collisions, numerous, but what is to be expected when there is no age restrictions for drivers, and whoever thought to be overtaken at scorching speed by an Arab boy of about 12 in a new Range Rover? The language of driving is mutual, and what are fast cars for? However camels, cattle, goats, and seemingly most of the population don't understand this tongue, and there is a steady toll on life.

At present, official policy is to build up industries to cushion the effects of exhausted oil-fields. The investment programme in home industries is enormous, and seemingly if you take the thoughtfully planned aluminium smelting works in Bahrain as an example, it could work. But the population of Bahrain is four fifths national, and in Dubai four fifths are imported workers. Critics of the expansion programme claim that if you have no raw materials and no native labour force, your industry won't be competitive.

What of the tourism scheme with more than a dozen large new hotels under construction for clientele who may never come? Why should they? The sea is warm and beautiful for swimming. The fish are beautiful too, and immensely varied, but several species are dangerous to man. Dubai's historic character as a duty-free port and free-trade area, seems secure, but her emergence as a major city of the Middle Eastern world may never materialize. All that is sure is that 10 years from now, something very interesting will have happened there, as in the past 10 years development has been nearly unbelievable. Now the money supply is smaller, or more self-conscious, and the near future is the critical period.

Michael Wigan



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A preference for wild life all around

Never in the history of this animal obsessed country have dogs fallen so low or dog owners so silent. Only the working dog in fact seems to escape disgust. This may account for the record number of viewers for the BBC's television sheepdog trials, though Phil Drabble, who acts as introducer to the series, and this week publishes a book about sheepdogs, believes their popularity lies less in the puritan dignity of the work, than in the fact that people simply like to watch other dogs doing something their dog cannot do.

Sheepdogs are a new departure for a man whose exact relationship to the animals he surrounds himself with is hard to describe. A successful businessman for 23 years, rising from shop floor to being a member of the board of Salters, the scales company, he is neither naturalist nor botanist, or farmer. Most exactly, perhaps, he is one of the purely English breed of men who prefer the country and animals to anything else, and who talk about what they see with an artless simplicity and enthusiasm which is immensely appealing. It is irresistible to add that Phil Drabble, in that way in which owners come to resemble their animals, looks, with his heavy eyebrows, round eyes and rather lumbering gait, very like a badger.

To say that Phil Drabble was a business man for 23 years is slightly misleading. It leaves out the fact that, the only son of a Black Country doctor with a mining and farming practice, he has marvelled at wild life ever since he first collected newts from the "swags", mining subsidence pools, at the age of five, and reared a baby jackdaw in the school shed. Five days a week at Salters were basically no more than a way of paying for two being where he wanted to be: in the country.

Writing and later broadcasting about animals offered him a second life, though he hit on it by chance, as a few lucky people have, by believing that he could write a better article than a bad one he read in the *Field*, and proceeding to do so. *Staffordshire Bull Terriers*, written in 1941, was the start of it. As offers came in, to write more articles, a book on Staffordshire and another on the Black Country, a weekly country column for the *Birmingham Mail*, and to talk on radio and television, so his confidence grew.

At 47, 16 years ago, he left industry to become a free man. He has had no cause to regret it. His small nature reserve in Staffordshire gives him a way of life he finds unbeatable, and a setting in which to conserve and study wildlife, and from which he makes forays north and south to lecture (50 talks last year alone).

The Drabbles came to Bagot Estate in 1963, drawn by a strangely undeveloped countryside in the heart of the industrial Midlands and an absurd Hansel and Gretel Gothic folly, in oak and with wrought iron windows, for centuries the home of the goat herd. The Bagot estate was famous for its goats, said to descend from the flock Richard I took with him for meat and milk on the Crusades, and which Richard I presented to the Bagots in gratitude for a good day's hunting in the forest. Actually Phil Drabble, who shares a prejudice about goats common to conservationists, believes the story is twisted. It should run that the goats were given in punishment for a bad day's hunting, since the land when the Drabbles bought it was a wilderness, ravaged he says by 600 years of ruminating goats.

The first thing the Drabbles did was to buy 10 pigs and set them to clear the land. That done they sold nine and ate one. Fourteen years and the imagination and hard work of Mrs Drabble have turned the derelict folly into a comfortable and pleasant house, and the land into a marvellous garden with grass field touching the sitting room, an L-shaped room entirely walled in glass, from which you look across to a pond and woods. Three radial rides have been carved from the trees stretching away from the house, so that animals and birds can be seen clearly from Phil Drabble's study, worth, he says, many hundreds of hours of field work. The deer are mostly now so fearless that they eat corn from a birdtable a few feet from the great plate glass windows, and the wild ducks scuttle about on the grass behind hoping for food. From mid January to the end of February the Drabbles are often cut off for days at a time by snow. It is all rather like something out of *The Secret Garden*.

The 90 acres, with its heronry, the badger setts, the deer and a rich variety of wild birds and small animals are neither totally unplanned nor without their reason. Phil Drabble set out to create a reserve that would attract all possible local flora and fauna, that would pay for itself (timber sold for wood, birch thicket for horse jumps) and that would act as a pilot for a scheme he wishes others to copy. He wants to show that it is possible, by good management of an otherwise unexceptional piece of land, to encourage such an artificial increase in the natural population of animal species, that the surplus will overspill and spread to the neighbouring countryside.

There is no question of opening his little reserve to the public. At most he allows sixth form girls from a nearby school to study the wildlife, and a biology teacher to set up a vapour trap for moths. Together they have singled out the different species, checked them against natural history records of the area, and now hope to find out what is missing, so that they can plant the right vegetation and reintroduce the species. The only thing that he has actually brought in are harvest mice he bred in the study, 14 grass snakes, some bats and a muntjac deer he hopes to mate.

The land is fenced, more to stop intruders than anything else, since a pack of hounds got in not long ago, spent an hour rampaging around the woods, killed a deer and a fawn, and undid many months of growing familiarity with the animals. It nearly lost him a tame white doe. There is, however, one stretch of fence which he can open when he knows there is no hunt about, and release the deer into 1,000 acres of forest alongside.

A former time-study man, as he describes himself, he has reduced the work to a minimum: a man to help one day a week, and his wife does all the garden. The Drabbles are largely self sufficient: hens, ducks, geese, venison, eggs, honey, vegetables and wood for the fires. He has, in any case, very little time. *One man and his dog* is his ninth book, and television and his talks take most of his week. His books, like his conversation, combine an absolute reasonableness with a sense of outrage over the stupidity of man's handling of nature.

Phil Drabble is not all country man with cloth cap and the stillness that comes with handling wild animals. He has a bottle green Morgan, a sleek hand-made sportscar, a luxury he loves and that he has denied himself ever since he left industry, and which he drives down the Staffordshire lanes at unbelievable speed. And he has a canny appraisal of his audience, a commercial sense of what people want, that in no way conflicts with a quite genuine love for his subject. When he says that he is a happy man, you believe him.

Caroline Moorehead

One man and his dog, Phil Drabble, Michael Joseph £4.95.

● In our foreign report (December 30) the photograph was of President Perón's first wife, Evita, and not that of his widow, Maria Estela Perón.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Duke of Gloucester will attend the centenary dinner of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers at Guildhall on January 23.

Birthdays today

Sir Fenton Atkinson, 72; Major-General Sir Hamish Campbell, 73; Sir Robert Clark, 54; Sir Thomas Lund, 72; Lord Netherthorpe, 70; Lord Plowden, 71; Lieutenant-General Sir Geoffrey Thompson, 73; Sir Andrew Urquhart, 60; Sir Ernest Woodroofe, 66.

Memorial service

Major-General and Mrs M. W. Prynne:

A memorial service for Major-General and Mrs Michael Prynne was held at Holy Trinity, Brompton, yesterday. The Rev Raymond Turvey officiated. Mr Andrew Prynne (son) read the lesson, and Mr John Willett gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr and Mrs Donald Spence and Mr and Mrs Michael Kehoe (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr and Mrs Norman Leonard, Major and Mrs St G. Prynne, Mrs M. P. Nelson, Miss Veronique Nelson, Mr B. Nelson, Miss Rosemary Kerr, Mrs C. Lockyer, Mrs C. Bulman, Mrs A. C. Naldrett.

Lord and Lady Brimelow, Lady Mary Harvey, Lady Silvia Combe, the Hon Mrs Campbell, Sir James Pitman, Sir Ralph Freeman, Sir Angus Paton, Lady Rowan, Mr A. M. Muir Wood (president, Institution of Civil Engineers), Mr Christopher Mitchell (chairman, Association of Consulting Engineers), Mr John Haseldine, Mr J. E. G. Palmer, Mrs John Willett, Mr W. H. King (representing Western Australian Government), Mr and Mrs John Fisher, Mr and Mrs Richard Harrison, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Scott, Rear-Admiral E. F. Gueritz (president, Society for Nautical Research), Captain and Mrs R. A. Sarell, Mr W. Ray (Thames Water Authority), Major-General and Mrs Dick Lloyd, Mrs Ian Spence, Brigadier and Mrs H. G. Kembell, Major-General J. H. Amers, Mr Michael Robinson, Mr M. C. Ashill (Management Consultants' Association), Brigadier and Mrs D. C. Cameron, Mrs A. Garnett, Major-General A. M. McKay, Mr W. B. Harris, Mr and Mrs Christopher Spence, Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. Stevens (British Consultants Bureau), Mr Michael Cullis, Mr J. W. Baxter, Mr P. W. Grafton, Mr R. J. Kirton, Mr C. R. C. Turner (Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers), Brigadier R. Wheatley (representing Engineering Chief (Army)), Mr Bruce Chivers (chairman, National Joint Consultative Committee for Building), Mr Alan Villiers, Mr Peter Bryant (representing Department of Trade), Mrs Paul Layton, Brigadier Philip Clauson, Major-General P. Pellereau, Mr James Sutherland, Mr Eric Trimmer (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors), Mr Hille Brand (International Federation of Consulting Engineers), Miss Kitty Combe, Mrs P. Parkin and Mrs Mary Price (Old Dolphins Association), Miss K. Menon and Miss J. Anderson (National Advisory Centre on Careers for Women), Mr Bernard Mills (Coaching Club), Rear-Admiral J. G. Watson, Mr A. B. Waters (Waters Jamieson Partnership) and Mr John T. Calvert.

Funeral service

The funeral service for Mr Harvey Thompson took place at St Mary's, Oatlands, Weybridge, yesterday. The Rev Robert Gibbin officiated. Among those present were:

Mrs Thompson (widow), Julia and Peter Thompson (children), Mrs Esther Thompson (mother), Dr and Mrs M. R. Thompson (brother and sister-in-law), Mr John Robinson, Mrs Patricia Owen, Mr Michael Grice, Mrs Barbara Sevva.

Mr Gordon Brunton (managing director and chief executive, Thomson Organisation), Sir Denis Hamilton (chairman and Editor in Chief, Times Newspapers) with Mr M. J. Hussey (managing director and chief executive) and Mr Michael Mander (deputy chief executive and marketing director), Mr William Rees-Mogg (editor, "The Times"), Mr Derek Jewell, Mr Dennis Heritage, Mr Fred Nixson, Mr Donald Barrett, Mr John Carr, Mr Tudor Hopkins, Mr John Kavanagh, Miss Andrew Buxton, Mr Fred Owen, Mr Peter Mitchell, Mr John Penrose, ("Daily Mail") and Mrs Penrose.

Latest appointments



New head for BBC 2: Mr Brian Wenham, BBC Television's head of current affairs (above), has been appointed controller of BBC 2, in succession to Mr Aubrey Singer, who, as already announced, takes over from Mr Howard Newby later this year as managing director, BBC Radio.

Mr Wenham, aged 40, spent eight years with Independent Television News as a news and current affairs producer before joining the BBC as editor of *Panorama* in 1969, moving to his present post two years later.

Other appointments include:

Mr Roderic Hewitt to be conservator of forests for east England, in succession to Mr Brian Holtam, who is retiring.

Mr John Gwynn to be conservator (estates) at the Forestry Commission's headquarters in Edinburgh, in succession to Mr Peter Innes, who is retiring.

£100,000 winner

The £100,000 Premium Savings Bond prize for January was won by 10XB 816314. The winner lives in Staines, Surrey. The £25,000 prize was won by 5HZ 042082. The winner lives in Kent.

Flower show profit

Shrewsbury Flower Show made a profit of £30,160 in 1977, despite staging costs of £95,000. Combined with other income, Shropshire Horticultural Society had a total surplus of £41,898 over the year.

Forthcoming marriages

Lieutenant A. G. Wynn, RN and Miss S. Fraser-Smith

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Lieutenant-Commander the Hon C. H. R. Wynn, RN (retd), and the Hon Mrs C. H. R. Wynn, of Bunkersland, Tiverton, Devon, and Susanjane, elder daughter of Mr S. W. Fraser-Smith, CBE, MC, and Mrs S. W. Fraser-Smith, of Stone Cross Cottage, Crowborough, Sussex.

Mr D. H. Arkell and Miss J. B. Langton

The engagement is announced between Deryk Arkell, of Bouthrop House, Eastleach, Gloucestershire, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Langton, of Hodson House, near Swindon, Wiltshire.

Mr R. S. B. Burton and Miss G. A. D. Newall

The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs A. R. Burton, of Dalehead, Stocksfield, Northumberland, and Geraldine Agnes, daughter of the late G. F. S. Newall and of Mrs A. A. D. Newall, of Todridge, Great Whittington, Northumberland.

Dr A. Farquhar and Miss S. A. Hayden

The engagement is announced between Andrew, second son of the late Mr A. Farquhar and of Mrs J. K. Farquhar, of Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire, and Stephanie Ann, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. S. Hayden, of Shillington, Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Mr I. P. le S. Harris and Miss N. P. Holworthy

The engagement is announced between Justin, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs P. le S. Harris, of The Beeches, Church Street, Staines, and Nicola, daughter of Major and Mrs H. D. Holworthy, of Lymedale, Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire.

Mr M. R. V. Johnston and Miss J. A. Hurmson

The engagement is announced between Malcolm Robert Vernon, son of the late Robin and Dorothy Johnston and stepson of Mrs Robin Johnston, of Plaxtol, Kent, and Jill Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Hurmson, of Cannock, Staffordshire.

Mr R. Kemp and Miss K. Haslam

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs R. G. Kemp, of Southampton, and Kim, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Haslam, of Chandlers Ford.

Captain P. B. Merry and Miss R. V. Moore

The engagement is announced between C Philip Merry, Royal Engineers, only son of Mr and Mrs G. B. Merry, of Brayton, Selby, North Yorkshire, and Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. J. Moore, of Westington, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire.

Mr J. M. Skelton and Miss V. Wardle

The engagement is announced between John, only son of Dr and Mrs Martin Skelton, of Blackheath, and Victoria, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Lance Wardle, of Gastard, Wiltshire.

Major V. J. Tubbs and Miss S. M. Hookway

The engagement is announced between Jasper, son of the late Major Ian Tubbs and the late Mrs Sophie Crewdson, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Hookway, of Harnage, Cressage, Shropshire.

Mr I. H. Willis and Miss K. M. L. C. Tilea

The engagement is announced between Ian, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. G. Willis, of Three Acres, Dulverton, Somerset, and Kitty, elder daughter of Mr R. Tilea, of Lisburn, Northern Ireland, and Countess Halka Ledochowska, of Kensington, London.

Mr T. G. Elek and Miss C. F. Delevingne

The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Dr I. Elek and the late Mrs Elek, of Millom, Cumbria, and Caroline, daughter of the late Mr Dudley Delevingne, and the Hon Mrs Delevingne, of 52 Sheffield Terrace, London, W8.

Captain R. M. Amoore and Miss S. Hartland-Mahon

The engagement is announced between Robin Miles, elder son of the late Colonel W. M. Amoore, DSO, MBE, and of Mrs Owain Foster, of Ardbraccan House, Navan, co Meath, Republic of Ireland, and Sally, only daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R. W. M. Hartland-Mahon, of Hillcrest, Natal, South Africa.

Dr M. G. Bamber and Dr A. McKechnie

The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of the late Dr G. W. Bamber and Mrs Bamber, of Cressington Park, Liverpool, and Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs I. McKechnie, of Marholm, Peterborough.

Mr F. G. Bignell and Miss S. R. Harrison

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. F. J. Bignell, of Wetherby, West Yorkshire, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. N. Harrison, of Windymains, Humbie, East Lothian.

Mr D. S. B. Clarke and Miss M. Machnes

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs J. C. Clarke, of Finchley, and Michal (Shelley), daughter of Colonel and Mrs Benjamin Machnes, of Rishon-Le Zion.

Mr P. H. C. Chivers and Miss A. I. Shepherd

The engagement is announced between Peter Howard Caine, younger son of Mr and Mrs G. C. C. Chivers, of New Malden, Surrey, and Alice Isabel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. T. G. Shepherd, of Pitmillan, Newburgh, Ellon, Aberdeenshire.

Captain N. H. Harding-Newman, and Miss S. A. Elsden

The engagement is announced between Nigel Hamilton, son of Colonel and Mrs R. J. H. Harding-Newman, of Rowledge, Farnham, Surrey, and Mandy, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. W. H. Elsden, of Cookham, Berkshire.

Mr J. W. Heathfield and Miss C. Motley

The engagement is announced between John, son of Dr and Mrs Kenneth Heathfield, of Chigwell, Essex, and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Motley, of Nunney, Somerset.

Mr J. Hsu and Miss E. Lau

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Ve Tsin Hsu, and Eva, daughter of Mr and Mrs King Cheung Lau. The marriage will take place on January 8, 1978, at St Margaret's Church, Hongkong.

Mr A. P. Lloyd and Miss R. Robson

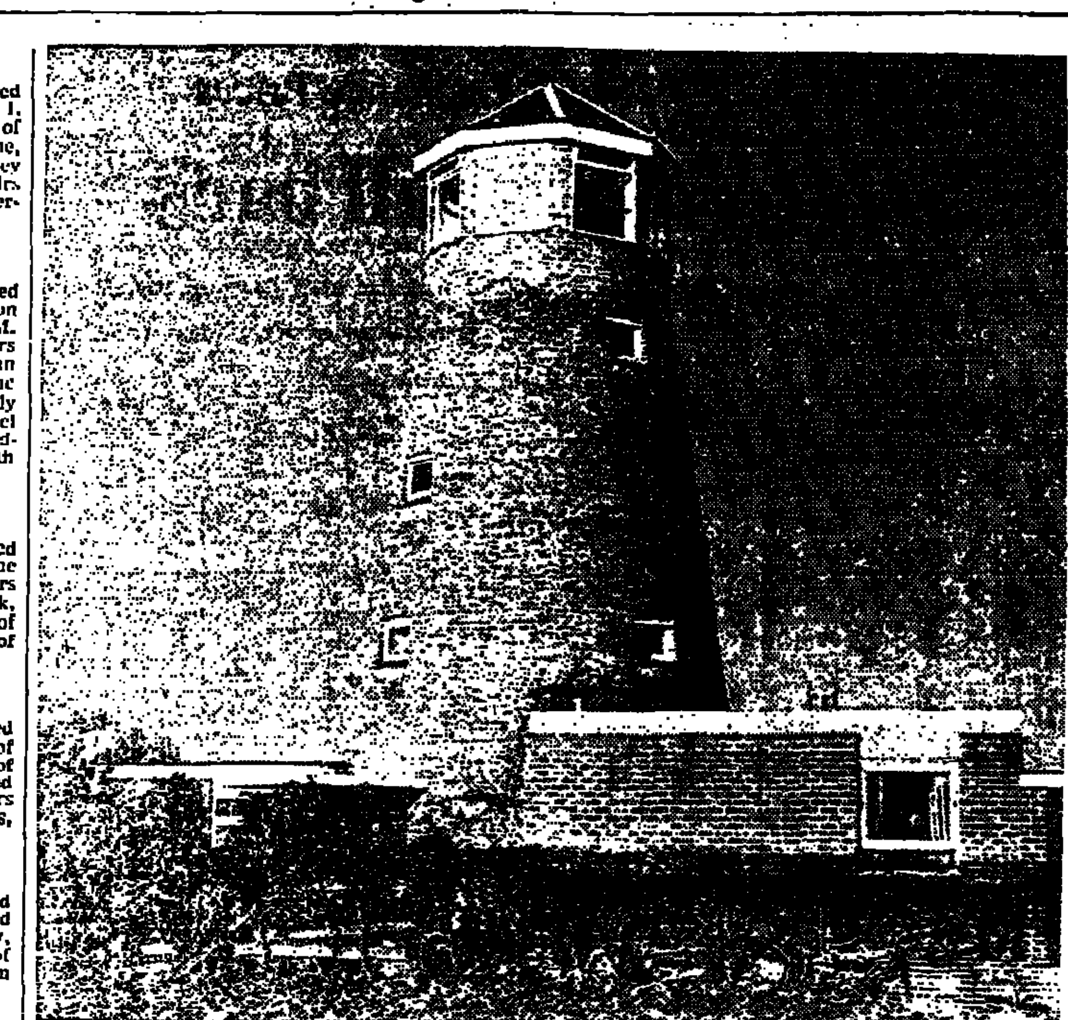
The engagement is announced between Sandy, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. B. Lloyd, of Esher, Surrey, and Ruth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Robson, of Howth, co Dublin, Republic of Ireland.

Dr G. W. Smith and Miss J. K. V. Moberly

The engagement is announced between Godfrey, son of Mr and Mrs T. F. Smith, of Kenley, Surrey, and Jane, only daughter of Commander and Mrs M. G. Moberly, of Brill, Laugharne, Dyfed.

Mr R. J. Ward and Miss J. M. Horne

The engagement is announced between Richard James, second son of Mr and Mrs J. J. D. Ward, of Orchard House, Bakewell, and Judy Mary, third daughter of Mr and Mrs R. N. Horne, of Jasmine Cottage, Baslow.



A 262-year-old windmill at Tollerton, near York, which is being offered for sale at £45,000 by the architect who converted it into his home.

Dartmouth entry

The following candidates have been declared successful for entry to the Royal Navy and entered the Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth on January 4.

DIRECT GRADUATE ENTRY

Lieutenant: N. W. Cameron, Dundee Univ.

Acting sub-lieutenant: C. D. Barker-Wyatt, Durham Univ; A. J. V. Peters, Aston Univ.

Acting sub-lieutenant (UCE): R. H. Cain, Glasgow Univ.

Midshipman (UCE): M. W. R. Anderson, Eton; H. P. E. Barton, Downside S; I. F. Corder, Rugby; H. W. Ellis, Scarborough VI Form C; F. C. W. Fulton, Wellington C; M. W. Hallam, Southampton Univ; G. C. Harris, Patchway HS, Almondsbury; C. S. A. Little, R. Gordon's C; P. L. Neville, Swansea Univ; M. S. Pearcy, Christ's Hosp; P. J. Thicknesse, Downside.

Midshipman (full career commission): A. Andrews, Wilsons' S, Wallington; P. D. Austin, Bridgwater VI Form C; R. P. W. Bell, Woodroffe S, Lyme Regis; A. J. Black, Highbury Tech C, Cosham; R. P. Bond, Eltham C; J. F. Bruce, K Edward's S, Bath; I. M. Cairns, Balwearie HS; N. R. Canty, Pangbourne C; C. J. Carpenter, Cranbrook S; P. E. Childs, Plymstock Comp S; M. C. N. Cochrane, Glenalmond; D. A. Cormack, Aldenham S; N. R. Corrigan, St Peter's S, Bournemouth; R. J. Dickinson, Loughborough GS; J. Dixon, Monkwearmouth S; J. R. Donaldson, Bradford GS; P. C. Eddy, Bassaleg S, Gwent; M. Evans, Chesterfield S; D. C. Forbes, Churchers C; D. A. Gamble, Kingswood S, Corby; D. J. Goodes, Roan S; A. G. Gregory, Haileybury.

D. T. Griffiths, Qu Mary's GS, Walsall; M. J. Grindoll, Beverley GS; N. J. Hughes, Pangbourne C; M. C. Lander, Bournemouth S; C. D. Lightfoot, W Hulme's GS; S. R. Lister, Newport (Essex) GS; L. J. Mason, Qu Elizabeth's GS, Hartlebury; M. J. Moreland, Minsthorpe HS, South Elmsall; P. T. Morgan, Redruth Co GS; D. J. Newton, Worksop C; J. Nortcliffe, Crestwood S, Brierley Hill; R. Porry, N Bromsgrove HS; I. C. Pople, Brockenhurst VI Form C; K. M. Prior, Ifield S; N. W. Reece, St Austell's VI Form C; A. J. Rossor, Chipping Sodbury S; R. C. Rusbridger, Eastbourne GS; J. M. Slawson, Yale VI Form C, Wrexham; M. Smith, St Cuthbert's GS, Newcastle; T. W. Spreckley, Cranleigh S, Guildford; K. J. H. Tait, Bathgate Ac; D. J. S. Weyndling, Marlborough C; J. M. Wyatt, Highdown S, Reading.

FLYING DUTIES

Acting sub-lieutenant: J. C. Smith, Manchester Univ.

Midshipmen: A. S. Bainbridge, Blackfire GS, Consett; R. W. Bateman, Alloa Ac; R. J. F. Buckland, NE Surrey C of Tech; R. J. Churchley, Solihull PS; S. G. Cooper R Gordon's Inst of Tech, Aberdeen; M. A. Cornberg, K Edward VII GS, Morpeth; M. Finnane, Dublin C of Tech; P. D. Gibb, Canterbury C of Tech; D. J. Hickey, Poly of Wales, Pontypridd; P. R. Howe, Holmshill Sec Mod S, Borehamwood; C. M. Johnson, Polytechnic of S Bank, London; I. Jones, Cent Liverpool C; M. R. London, Cornwall Tech C; J. Pullen, NE London Poly; M. E. Robinson, Whitcliffe Mount S, Cleckheaton; P. W. Skinner, Carshalton C; M. Slee, Carlisle Tech C; R. F. Slowgrove; D. V. Stanton, SE Derbyshire C; K. M. Tanner, Torquay GS; R. L. Trotter, Cassio C; D. Turner; N. D. Turner, Slough C of HE; S. J. Westwood, Liverpool Poly.

Midshipmen (medium career commission engineers): N. V. Dene; C. R. Forsey; J. S. Gourlay, Loretto S; I. H. Holliday, Calden S; J. M. R. Hook, Thurso HS; M. Roberts, Pleckgate S, Blackburn; P. A. Squire; A. E. Upton, Berwick Co HS.

Midshipmen short career commission (Seamen): M. C. D. Acland, Eton; G. T. Baldwin, Sherborne S; S. F. C. Barrett, Marlwood S; K. A. Beats, Newcastle Univ; S. L. A. Bruggenwirth, Pangbourne C; K. C. Bushnell, K James C, Henley; S. B. Charlier, Dover C; D. I. Chartres Cowes Co HS; C. M. L. Clarke, Haileybury; P. J. B. Edwards, Blundell's S; M. W. Ewence, Brockenhurst VI Form C; P. Francis, Newport St Julians Comp, Gwent; C. M. Gerard, Impington Village C; P. B. Gray, St Olave's GS, Orpington; R. H. Hawkins, Wandsworth Comp; D. Heald, Salford Univ; P. D. D. Hendry, Nepean HS, Ontario; A. W. Jackman, Stanwell Comp S, S Glamorgan; P. J. Jones, Fitzmaurice GS, Bradford-on-Avon; T. W. Kennedy, Toothill Comp S, Bingham; C. R. Kinsman, Pangbourne C; G. M. Lee, Bideford GS; R. G. Mein, N Berwick HS, East Lothian; A. G. Moll, Wymondham C; S. J. Nell, Steyning GS; M. L. Noble, Perth HS; D. A. O'Reilly, Skegness GS; P. A. Richards, Stoneham S, Tilehurst; J. S. Robinson, High Wycombe RGS; C. S. J. Rogerson, Shaftesbury GS; M. Roper, Ilkeston S; L. M. D. Salisbury, Guildford C of Law; N. A. Spence, Wyggeston Boys VI Form C; D. A. Steele, Bell C of Tech, Hamilton; C. J. Straughan, St Cuthbert's GS, Newcastle upon Tyne; P. J. Thornton, Sunbury C; L. J. Williams, Llanrumney Comp S; J. M. Williamson, Westwood HS, Leek; C. G. C. Wood, Pangbourne C; D. J. Woods, G Heriot's S.

Henlow graduation

Air Vice-Marshal P. Turner, Air Officer Administration, Headquarters Royal Air Force Support Command, was reviewing officer yesterday when 30 officers of No 319 Course, Red Squadron, graduated from the RAF Officer Cadet Training Unit, Henlow, Bedfordshire.

The British Aircraft Corporation trophy for the best all-round performance on the course and the professional studies prize were awarded to Pilot Officer Gregory Sims, aged 23, of the General Duties/Pilot Branch. The overseas student's prize was presented to Pilot Officer Ayuba Gigiyo, of the Nigerian Air Force. Those graduating were as follows:

General Duties Branch: P Offrs M. W. Crouchman (P), Shenfield Comp S; R. G. H. Gordon (P), Broxborne Comp S; J. A. M. Holmes (P), R Hosp S, Ipswich and Chippenham Tech; D. J. Ledward (P), John Bentley S, Calne; N. R. McKnight (P), Kettering G S, Bp Grosseteste C; J. B. Megarry (P), Bangor G S; J. R. Norton (N), Slough T H S; A. R. Robertson (N), Caldervale H S, Strathclyde Univ; G. Sims (P), Sexey's G S, Univ C, Lond; B. I. Smith (P), Marling S, Stroud; A. F. Villaret (P), St Mary's G S, Sidcup.

General Duties Branch (AEO): Fg Offrs D. C. Honeyball (Wimbledon Tech C; T. M. James, Cyfarthfa Castle G S, Oxford Poly; G. P. Moss, Hulme Hall C, Stockport C of Furth Ed; M. E. Richards, Kettering Sec S, Kettering Tech; R. W. Thompson, Wath G S.

General Duties (Ground) Branch: P Offrs R. R. Hickman (FC) Sevenoaks S; P. Jago (FC), Chislehurst and Sidcup G S; R. W. Jones (FC), Branston Comp S; R. P. Mackenzie (FC), R H S, Edinburgh; S. C. Munro (ACC), Thomas Bennet Sec S, Crawley C of Furth Edn; S K. Smith (FC), Tonypandy G S.

Engineer Branch: Fg Offrs W. A. Davidson, Clee GS, Boston C of Furth Ed; R. D. Forster, Sherry's C, Newcastle, and Lincoln C of Tech.

Administrative Branch: Fg Offr D. Ross (Sec), Copeland Lane S, Salisbury Tech C.

Nigerian Air Force: P Offrs A. Gigiyo and L. D. James, Nigerian Mil S.

Sultanate of Oman Air Force: P Offrs A. H. M. Al-Baluchi, Tabora Sec S, Tanzania; Z. M. S. Al-Cawra, Sheedia S, Salalah; A. M. A. Rowas, Faisal C, Jordan.

P, pilot; N, navigator; AEO, air electronics officer; FC, fighter control; AcC, aircraft control; Sec, secretarial.

Police paid out £7,521 in compensation

The amount, not including legal costs, paid by the Metropolitan Police to meet claims or actions for false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, assault or trespass was £200 in 1973, £725 in 1974, £2,668 in 1975, £7,521 in 1976 and £1,150 so far this year.

The amount paid in settlement of civil claims and actions against the Metropolitan Police, covering traffic accident personal injuries, property damage and loss were: £58,426 in 1972-3, £99,537 in 1973-4, £91,599 in 1974-5, £77,700 in 1975-6, and £101,767 in 1976-7.

Home Office, Dec 13

Doctors and radiologists: The number of qualified doctors per 100,000 population in 1970 was: Canada, 145, France, 134, Germany, 172, Sweden, 142, United Kingdom, 129, United States, 158, and USSR 238.

The number of medically qualified radiologists per 100,000 population in 1974 was: Canada, 4.4, France, 4.5, Germany, 2.9, Sweden, 8.1, United Kingdom, 2.6, United States, 6.5, USSR, 9.9.

Health, Dec 13

Answers in Parliament

A periodic digest of information given in parliamentary written replies with the sources and dates on which they appeared in Hansard

Millionaire earners: The number of taxpayers, counting husband and wife as one, having a total net income greater than £1m in 1973-74, 1974-75 and 1975-76 were one, six and four respectively.

Treasury, Dec 12

Taxpayers: The number of persons liable to income tax in 1977-78 is estimated to be 24,700,000, including 4,400,000 earning wives.

Treasury, Dec 2

Death duties: The comparative yield of death duties as a percentage of gross national product in 1975 was: Australia, 0.45, Belgium, 0.30, Denmark, 0.17, France, 0.28, Germany, 0.05, Ireland, 0.38, Italy, 0.07, Japan, 0.21, Luxembourg, 0.15, Netherlands, 0.18, United Kingdom, 0.29, and United States, 0.40.

Treasury, Dec 12

Kidney machines: The cost of a kidney machine is between £3,500 and £4,500, and £1,500 is required for ancillary equipment. The estimated total annual running cost for each patient is about £10,000 in hospital and £6,000 at home (at 1976 prices).

Social Services, Dec 1

Kidney transplants: In the year ended June 30, 788 kidney transplants took place in the United Kingdom. Of these 117 were from live donors. There were 1,178 patients on the transplantation waiting list on October 30.

Social Services, Dec 1

Abortions recorded: The numbers of abortions notified in Britain were: 1968 (from April 28), 25,178, 1969, 58,363, 1970, 91,819, 1971, 133,109, 1972, 167,484, 1973, 174,647 and 1974, 170,485.

The provisional numbers for 1975 and 1976 were 147,821 and 135,087 respectively.

Social Services, Dec 5

Disposal of industrial waste 'needs national planning'

From Ronald Kershaw
Northern Industrial Correspondent
Leeds

The disposal of industrial waste, particularly pulverized fuel ash from power stations and colliery spoil, requires national planning, the Yorkshire and Humberside Economic Planning Council says.

At a meeting in Leeds yesterday it was stated that the Government was contemplating establishing a high-level body to consider the interaction of industry and waste disposal, and that if that came to pass strong regional representation on the new body would be required.

Mr Bernard Cotton, chairman of the planning council, said after the meeting that innumerable studies on waste disposal had been undertaken. Various ideas had been suggested for transporting waste, including canal barge and pipeline, and various suggestions had been made for dealing with it, including reclamation of land in the Humber estuary and filling in clay pits in South Yorkshire. So far no firm plan had emerged.

Mr J. Wallace, secretary of the council, said its view was that as Yorkshire and Humberside became more and more the power house of the nation the waste produced by the energy industries became more than a regional matter.

Mrs Helena Foster, of the council's environmental group, said planning of waste disposal for the next two or three decades had been neglected. The estimated tonnage was alarming. The development of the Selby coalfield and proposed erection of Drax "B" power station would increase the trouble. "Regional boundaries should be forgotten because this is a national problem."

Latest wills

£31,480 for heart foundation

Mr William Ernest Jeavons, of Broadheath, left £31,480 net. He left all his property to the British Heart Foundation.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Colwell, Mr Herbert, of Gloucester £155,625

Cross, Mr Michael Francis Cecil, of Clyffe Pypard, Wiltshire £464,740

Garner, Sir Harry Mason, of Camberley, Chief Scientist, Ministry of Supply, 1949-53 £89,761

Howes, Mr Dudley Arthur, of Norwich £132,334

Science report

Water: How icebergs melt

Transporting ice from one part of the globe to another has been talked about for a couple of centuries. Erasmus Darwin, an imaginative and insufficiently known genius of the eighteenth century, suggested in his poem *The Economy of Vegetation*, that icebergs should be navigated into tropical waters to reduce extremes of temperature. In the nineteenth century, ice from ponds in North America was indeed exported commercially to India, and recently there has been much talk of supplying arid countries with their water by towing icebergs from the Antarctic to the appropriate shore. Research in progress at present however, indicates, that extracting the water from the iceberg, once arrived, may not be all that simple.

Seventy per cent of the fresh water in the world is in the Antarctic ice where as only half a per cent is contained in lakes and rivers. At present there is an enormous iceberg 90km long by 35km wide in the Antarctic which contains enough water to supply a city the size of London for thousands of years. That iceberg is too large to be moved but smaller ones, about one km long by 300m wide, could be towed by tugs. A smaller iceberg than that is not considered economically feasible.

The country most interested in the idea is Saudi Arabia and so the icebergs would have to pass through the tropics on its year-long journey. To protect it from melting, the iceberg would have to be enclosed, somehow, in a vast plastic bag, but even with such precautions some experts predict that the iceberg would melt and break up and the tugs would arrive off Saudi Arabia with nothing but a tow line. Others disagree.

Very little is known about how icebergs melt; they have traditionally been regarded as objects to avoid rather than objects of study. One body of work, because when the melt from the sides of an iceberg rises to the surface without mixing significantly with the surrounding salt water. A grounded iceberg could then be surrounded by a shallow pen and fresh water simply siphoned off from the surface. Others state that that will not work, because when the melt water rises up the side of an iceberg is captures and brings to the surface large amounts of warmer saltier water. In a given environment both of those theories cannot be correct.

Dr H. Huppert, of Cambridge and Dr J. Turner, of Canberra, have done some experiments with melting ice blocks and conclude that neither theory is correct. They point out that the neglected factor in the theories hitherto is that the upper layers of the ocean are not only salty but that the saltiness increases with depth. The increase is not spectacular, about one per cent in 100 metres, but conditions surrounding the movement of water are so delicately poised that the effect has to be taken into account.

The authors simulated the situation in a laboratory experiment. They took a tabular block of ice stained with the dye fluorescein, and lowered it gently into water more saline at the bottom than the top. The melting of dye-stained water and its movement could then be followed on photographs. They found something quite surprising. Very close to the ice, melt water rises from below in a thin layer. But farther out, the water moves not vertically but sideways in a series of slightly sloping layers, a sort of tilted many-layer sandwich of melted fresh water alternating with salty water.

That peculiar effect comes about because of two separate influences. The first is the increase in salinity with depth; the second is the increase in temperature of the water away from close to the ice (where it is at 0°C) to the surroundings where the water is at the normal sea temperature.

In each layer melt water very close to the ice picks up heat and a little salt from the surrounding water, and as a result becomes slightly lighter. The water will not rise vertically, however, because the horizontal temperature gradient means that there is warmer and lighter water off sideways. So the net motion is sideways and only slightly upwards.

Clearly, cold water cannot peel off the entire side of the iceblock; there has to be some sort of return motion. That is provided by the set of layers; within each layer melt water runs uphill at the bottom of the layer, and warmer, salty water runs in to replace it at the top of the layer. The higher the gradient salinity, the more tightly packed the layers are; and this circulation pattern leaves a grooved structure on the ice block.

The way in which ice melts in stratified water may be complex, but the conclusion is simple: that the melt water is quickly mixed with the surrounding water and moved out sideways; relatively little makes it to the surface. As Dr Huppert and Dr Turner put it: "Those seeking to obtain fresh water from icebergs will have to consider alternative methods which isolate the melt water in some way from the surrounding seawater."

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Mau Mau attacks

From Our Correspondent

Nairobi, Jan 4.—The most audacious of the Mau Mau crimes was committed at eight o'clock tonight when three Africans walked into a ward of the government hospital at Kikuyu, eight miles from Nairobi, and shot dead the Kikuyu chief Hinga in his bed and then walked out. On December 27 Hinga was attacked by Kikuyu in an ambush near the main Nairobi-Naivasha road and hit by three bullets, one of which went through his hat, one hit his wrist, and the third struck him in the mouth. He stopped the car, went to the police station and reported the attack, then went back with the police to aid in the investigations, and only then went to hospital. Earlier today Mr Michael Blundell, leader of the European elected members in the legislature, had praised the courage and coolness of two women living on a farm 20 miles from Nyeri who had beaten off an attack in their home by four Africans.

Dinners

HM Government

Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, was host at a dinner held at Lancaster House yesterday evening in honour of Mr Per Ahlmark, Minister of Labour for Sweden. Other guests included:

The Swedish Ambassador, Mr Harold Walker, MP, Mr John Grant, MP, Mr Norman Willis and Mr T. Swinden.

Lady Mayoress

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the following guests at dinner at the Mansion House yesterday:

The French Ambassador and Mme Sauvagnargues, the Earl of Dartmouth, the Bishop of London and Mrs Ellison, Lieutenant Colonel Sir Julian and Lady Paget, Alderman Sir Denis and Lady Truscott, Mr and Mrs Bamber Gascoigne, the Master of the Mercers' Company and Mrs Clementi, Miss Clare Shrolber, and Mr William and Lady Eve Mackworth-Young.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR BRUCE DICKINS

Scholar of Anglo-Saxon

Professor Bruce Dickins, Elrington and Bosworth Professor of Anglo-Saxon at Cambridge from 1946 to 1957, died on January 4. He was 88.

He was a scholar well-known for his contributions to the study of runes, place-names and early texts.

Dickins was born on October 26, 1889, and received his education at Nottingham High School and Magdalene College, Cambridge, being elected at the latter to the Donaldson Bye-Fellowship for Research. After service with the Hampshire Regiment in the First World War he became Lecturer and subsequently Reader in the English Language in the University of Edinburgh, where he married the eldest daughter of Sir Herbert Grierson. They had one son and one daughter.

In 1931 he was elected to the Chair of English at Leeds. There his influence was great and permanent, and the *Leeds Studies in English and Kindred Languages*, for which he was largely responsible, were instrumental in raising the status of his subject far beyond the confines of his own university. In 1945 he succeeded Chadwick in the Professorship of Anglo-Saxon at Cambridge. He was a Professorial Fellow of Corpus Christi College from 1946 and on his retirement from his Chair in 1957 was elected into a Life Fellowship and made Professor Emeritus. The British Academy awarded him the Sir Israel Gollancz Memorial Prize in 1955 and elected him a Fellow in 1959.

His publications, along with numerous articles and reviews, included *Runic and Heroic Poems of the Old Teutonic Peoples*, 1916, an edition of Henryson's *The Testament of Cresseid*, 1925, an edition, with A. S. C. Ross, of *The Dream of the Rood*, 1934, *J. M. Kemble and Old English Scholarship*, a British Academy lecture, 1941, and in collaboration with R. M. Wilson, *Early Middle English Texts*, 1951, the last of which has become a standard text-book for students.

His writings were characterized by an ability imaginatively to bring to bear a wide range of learning on the interpretation of a specific point; and his sustained accuracy and economy of expression did not rob them of their individual style and flavour. His work on place-names in particular evoked his brilliant sense of the small elements of language, related to a wider field of reference: and his paper, "English Names and Old English Heathenism", 1933, is a model of its kind.

His published work however hardly indicates the influence which his enthusiastic promotion had in his chosen fields or the range of work which he sponsored or in which he assisted. His learning was always freely available to his colleagues and pupils; he was in his time president of the Yorkshire Society of Celtic Studies, the Viking Society, the Cambridge Bibliographical Society, the John Mason Neale Society, the Cambridge Antiquarian Society and honorary director of the English Place-Name Society, and much of his time and energy was devoted to editing the work of others. For this role he had a special aptitude, his immense reading being reinforced by meticulously high standards of scholarship and an almost hypersensitive solicitude for typographical minutiae. The gratitude which several generations of scholars felt for his unselfish labours on their behalf found expression in a *Festschrift*, *The Anglo-Saxons*, edited by Peter Clemoes, presented to Dickins on his 70th birthday.

He was for many years a familiar figure on the Cambridge scene—at David's bookstall, at Fenner's and especially in the University Library, where, it has been said with more than a grain of truth, he found part of his social life. Few Cambridge readers of the past two decades can have failed to observe his burly figure, guiding in an honorary capacity the first steps of some young research student. The byeways of his learning were extensive and peculiar; Cambridge diaries, the history of British regiments and of cricket, Dr James's Powders—these are only a few examples of diverse fields on which he could speak with authority.

Temperamentally he enjoyed being in opposition and on occasion supported lost causes with gusto (he was among the last to oppose full admission of women to the university in 1948). On surer ground he campaigned indefatigably for greater recognition of textual and bibliographical studies in the English school at Cambridge, but it must be admitted that his efficacy as a reformer was blunted by his lack both of guile and of finesse, and by an endearing maladroitness in the tortuous manoeuvres of university politics: and it is as a stalwart champion of his pupils and as the author and inspirer of much sound research that he will be remembered.

His wife died in 1975, his son in 1958 while mountain climbing in Uganda, and he is survived by his daughter.

DR J. W. MACCOLL

Dr John Watson Maccoll, who died in Tunbridge Wells on December 17, did much to influence the development of research in fluid and solid mechanics.

He was born in Aberdeenshire in June 1903 and studied at Glasgow University, Imperial College, with Prandtl at Göttingen and with von Kármán at Aachen, before joining the Ordnance Board as Ballistic Research Officer in 1929.

His fruitful collaboration with the late Sir Geoffrey Taylor in the 1930s led, among other things, to the solution for supersonic compressible flow over cones, and "Taylor-Maccoll flow" became a household phrase among dynamicists.

Subsequently, and in the early years of the war, his main interest was in the development of new mathematical techniques for the study of problems in high-speed flow, and he joined the Armament Research Department (now RARDE) Fort Halstead, when a branch for theoretical research was set up there in 1943 with Sir Nevill Mott as Superintendent and Maccoll as deputy. From 1945 until his retirement from the post of Senior Superintendent of Basic Research in 1963 he directed an active School of Theoretical Mechanics at RARDE, many of whose past members now occupy senior academic posts in this country and in N. America. He served on many Government Advisory Committees, travelled widely, and was a well-known figure at international meetings.

In 1949 he married Mrs Margaret Dasmières who died early in 1972; and in 1973 he married Miss Evelyn Lindsay Round, ISO, who died only a few weeks before him, in October.

LORD PLURENDEN

Lord Plurenden who was chairman of the Sterling Group of Companies, died yesterday at the age of 60.

He was born Rudy Sternberg in Germany in 1917, but in 1935 left the country as a refugee from the Hitler regime and settled in Britain. His twin interests were the petro-chemical business in which he became highly successful, and agriculture both as a farmer himself and as a creator of trade with other countries. His energy particularly in the creation of trade with East Germany and other Eastern European countries made him a driving force in the British Agricultural Export Council of which he was chairman from 1968 to 1975 and president thereafter.

He was knighted in 1970 and created a Life Peer in 1975. He married, in 1951, Dorothée Monica, daughter of Major Robert Bateman Prust, OBE, of Vancouver. They had two daughters.

MR T. D. D. DIVINE

R. I. writes:

The news of Tom Divine's death at the age of 74 will have been received with a sense of loss by his friends in both branches of the legal profession.

The son of a coroner of Kingston upon Hull, Divine came down from The Queen's College, Oxford, of which he was a scholar, with Firsts in Greats and Law and, as he once put it, a marked distaste for any form of gainful employment. But the quality of his papers in the Bar Final gained him a pupillage with Lionel Cohen in his last year as a junior, in the chambers in Lincoln's Inn where Divine remained throughout his working life.

His clarity of mind and analytical power earned Divine a large junior practice as a specialist in company law. He was a speedy worker and an expert draftsman whose greatest satisfaction lay in devising novel or simplified techniques for corporate reorganisations and mergers. In the 1950s and early 1960s he was a recognised leader in his speciality, and had a hand in many of the regroupings of those days.

Divine had no taste for advocacy, nor for what Lord Atkin once described as the incantations of the conveyancers. He owed to his Yorkshire origins both his directness of speech and his love of the moors near Whitby, where he spent his final years.

MR HERBERT SMITH

Mr Herbert Smith, who died on December 30 at the age of 88, was closely associated, while working with the Sopwith Aviation Company in the the First World War, with the design of the renowned Sopwith Camel, Pup, Snipe, Triplane and Dolphin aircraft.

In 1974 he became an associate of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

Mr James Augustus Thomason, a former general manager of *Time* magazine, has died at the age of 74.

SIR JOHN SPICER

Sir John Spicer, attorney general of Australia from 1949 to 1956, died in Melbourne on January 3. He was 78. He resigned from the Senate (Upper House) in 1955 to become Chief Judge of the Australian Industrial Court.

Correction

A sentence in the last paragraph of the obituary of Mr Said Hammami should have read: During 1975 Hammami made it clear that the PLO would not abandon its ultimate goal of a "democratic state for Muslims, Jews and Christians" in all of Palestine, but that it might agree as part of a general settlement to pursue that goal in future by non-violent means.

Today's engagements

Poets-in-person readings: Patricia Beer and Stephen Spender, National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, 7.30.

Southwark Cathedral: Feast of the Epiphany, cathedral Eucharist with choir, 1.10.

Young Vic, Waterloo Road: *A Christmas Carol*, 7.45.

National Portrait Gallery: "The King's Good Servant", Sir Thomas More exhibition, 10-5.

Laser beam show: "Laserium", London Planetarium, 5.15, 7, 8.15, 9.30.

Camping Outdoor Holiday Exhibition and Motor Caravan Show, Olympia, 10-6.

Historic London Pub Walk: Thamesside, meet Blackfriars station, 7.30.

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§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BRITISH FUNDS

1977/78 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
101 1/16	93¾	Treas 9¾% 1978	100 9/32	-1/16	8.956	6.254
104 1/16	97¾	Treas 10½% 1979	102¾	-1/16	10.219	5.056
100¼	90 7/8	Exch 5% 1976-78	98¾	..	5.031	5.880
107	92¾	Treas 11½% 1979	105	..	10.953	6.968
97¾	84 13/16	Treas 3% 1979	96¾	-1/16	3.121	5.430
99¾	85½	Elec 4¼% 1974-79	97¼	-1/16	4.376	6.039
105 15/16	92½	Treas 10½% 1979	104¾	-1/16	10.042	7.737
97½	84½	Elec 3½% 1976-79	96¼	-1/16	3.635	5.682
105¾	87 1/16	Treas Cnv 9% 1980	103 1/16	-1/16	8.732	7.439
100¾	86¾	Treas 9½% 1980	102¾	-1/16	9.247	8.194
96	83½	Treas 3½% 1977-80	96	-1/16	3.683	5.736
94¾	83¾	Fund 5½% 1978-80	96¼	-1/16	5.456	6.952
112¾	96¾	Exch 13% 1980	109¾	-1/16	11.833	9.018
108¾	82½	Treas 11½% 1981	106	-1/16	10.848	9.178
94¾	77 13/16	Treas 3½% 1979-81	91¼	-1/16	3.942	6.711
104	86 15/16	Treas 9¾% 1981	101¾	-1/16	9.624	9.267
97¾	86¾	Exch 8¼% 1981	96¾	-1/16	8.509	9.313
110¾	97¾	Exch 9½% 1981	100¾	-1/16	9.447	9.330
92¾	97¾	Exch 3% 1981	87¾	-1/16	3.419	6.892
113 7/8	96¾	Exch 12¾% 1981	110 13/16	-1/16	11.516	9.383
100¾	83¾	Treas 8½% 1980-82	99¾	-1/16	8.573	8.765
93¾	73¾	Treas 3% 1982	86¾	-1/16	3.481	6.900
119¾	101¾	Treas 14% 1982	115 9/16	-1/16	12.131	9.452
98¾	83¾	Treas 8½% 1982	96¾	-1/16	8.550	9.354
103¾	93¾	Exch 9¼% 1982	100	-1/16	9.251	9.245
97¾	81¾	Exch 3% 1983	94¾	-1/16	3.810	6.975
114¾	93¾	Treas 12% 1983	114¾	-1/16	10.872	9.428
101¾	96¾	Treas 9¼% 1983	99	-1/16	9.322	9.443
96	72¾	Fund 5½% 1982-84	90¾	-1/16	6.172	7.806
99¾	71¾	Treas 8¼% 1984-86	96¾	-1/16	8.831	9.146
87¾	67	Fund 6½% 1985-87	87	-1/16	7.575	8.770
92¾	68¾	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	89	-1/16	8.672	9.409
73¾	49¾	Trans 3% 1978-88	67¾	-1/16	4.434	7.491
75¾	54¾	Treas 5% 1986-89	74¾	-1/16	6.809	8.636
120¾	96¾	Treas 13% 1990	114¾	-1/16	11.332	10.784
93¾	67¾	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	88¾	-1/16	9.351	9.927
111	90¾	Treas 11¾% 1991	105¾	-1/16	11.110	10.909
79¾	54	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	74¾	-1/16	7.866	9.327
117	96¾	Treas 12¾% 1992	111¾	-1/16	11.399	11.071
96¾	99¾	Treas 10% 1992	95¾	-1/16	10.619	10.816
113	89¾	Exch 12½% 1992	112¾	-1/16	11.382	11.170
116¾	84¾	Treas 12½% 1993	109¾	-1/16	11.356	11.132
72¾	51¾	Fund 6% 1993	71¾	-1/16	8.577	9.781
126	96	Treas 13¾% 1993	119¾	-1/16	11.878	11.313
128¾	99	Treas 14½% 1994	126¾	-1/16	11.793	11.365
114¾	89¾	Exch 12½% 1994	113¾	-1/16	11.448	11.263
96¾	66¾	Treas 9% 1994	89¾	-1/16	10.218	10.534
110¾	97¾	Treas 12% 1995	106	-1/16	11.267	11.140
51¾	32¾	Gas 3% 1990-95	51¾	-1/16	5.875	8.424
119¾	87¾	Treas 12¾% 1995	113¾	-1/16	11.437	11.241
91¾	67	Treas 9% 1992-96	90	-1/16	10.327	10.813
133¾	101¾	Treas 15¼% 1996	130¾	-1/16	11.920	11.551
121¾	98¾	Exch 13¼% 1996	118¾	-1/16	11.532	11.310
50	32	Rdmptn 3% 1986-96	49¾	-1/16	6.132	8.495
121	87¾	Treas 13¼% 1997	114¾	-1/16	11.523	11.318
99¾	90¾	Exch 10½% 1997	97¾	-1/16	10.929	10.997
99¾	65¾	Treas 8¾% 1997	85¾	-1/16	10.340	10.627
77¾	51	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	71¾	-1/16	9.582	10.252
135¾	103¾	Treas 15½% 1998	134¾	-1/16	11.894	11.596
96¾	66¾	Treas 9½% 1999	90	-1/16	10.536	10.695
43¾	27¾	Fund 3½% 1999-04	42¾	-1/16	8.274	9.481
91¾	57¾	Treas 8% 2002-06	80¾	-1/16	10.236	10.398
58¾	40¾	Treas 5½% 2008-12	57¾	-1/16	9.835	10.102
90	53¾	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	75¾	-1/16	10.181	10.262
39¾	25¾	Consols 4%	36¾	-1/16	10.774	..
36¾	23¾	War Ln 3½%	36¾	-1/16	9.589	..
39¾	26¾	Conv 3½%	39	-1/16	9.201	..
29¾	20¾	Treas 3%	29¾	-1/16	10.873	..
24¾	17¾	Consols 2½%	23¾	-1/16	10.482	..
24	17¾	Treas 2½% Aft 75	23¾	-1/16	10.839	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
101½	91¾	Aust 5½% 76-78	101	+¼	5.515	6.602
96¾	78¾	Aust 5½% 77-80	94¾	+¼	5.836	8.791
85¾	69¾	Aust 5½% 81-82	88¾	..	6.328	9.369
87¾	65¾	Aust 6% 81-83	85½	..	7.067	9.399
84¾	77¾	Aust 7% 79-81	94¾	..	7.579	9.550
90	80	Chilean Mixed	90	..	..	..
75½	61¾	E Africa 5½% 77-83	73	..	7.908	12.925
340	197	German 4½% 1930	340	..	..	..
42	32½	Hungary 4½% 1924	42	..	..	..
96	69¾	Ireland 7½% 81-83	87¾	..	..	..
99	84¾	Jamaica 7½% 77-79	85½	..	9.084	10.990
251	155	Japan Ass 4% 1910	262	-3	..	..
71	63	Japan 6% 83-88	72	..	..	..
75	65	Kenya 5% 78-82	75	..	6.577	12.675
96	69	Malaya 7½% 78-82	96	..	9.037	12.518
99	51½	N Z 6% 76-80	96¾	+¼	6.379	9.096
79	53¾	N Z 7½% 88-92	74	..	9.792	10.583
89	69¾	N Z 7½% 83-86	87	..	8.663	9.904
81	74	N Rhd 6% 78-81	80	..	6.723	10.279
91	71	Nyasa 6% 78-81	89	..	6.723	10.279
175	145	Peru 6% Ass	155	..	..	..
93	87	S Africa 9½% 79-81	93	..	..	..
42	30	S Rhd 2½% 65-70	42	..	..	..
56	30	S Rhd 4½% 87-92	54	+2	..	..
48	44	S Rhd 6% 78-81	80	+3	..	..
55	45	Spanish 4%	45	-3	..	..
89	67	Tang 5½% 78-82	80	..	7.366	12.774
90	60	Uruguay 3½%	91	+1	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
27	20¾	L C C 3% 1920	26	..	11.636	..
94½	84¾	L C C 5% 80-83	84½	..	8.004	9.096
[illegible]	[illegible]	L C C 5½% 77-81	92¾	..	5.969	7.927
[illegible]	62	L C C 5½% 82-84	84¾	..	6.513	8.693
79½	53¾	L C C 6% 85-87	75	..	7.360	10.100
100¾	82	L C C 6% 76-79	99¾	..	6.005	6.997
[illegible]	81¾	L C C 6¾% 76-79	[illegible]	..	6.233	8.494
79	52¾	L C C 6¾% 88-90	77¾	..	8.675	9.881
[illegible]	[illegible]	G L C 6¾% 90-92	[illegible]	..	9.227	10.444
[illegible]	82	G L C 9½% 80-82	[illegible]	..	9.633	9.921
107¾	93¾	G L C 12½% 1982	107¾	+¼	11.644	10.381
111½	91	G L C 12½% 1983	111½	..	11.732	10.938
100	88¾	C of L 6% 75-78	100	..	6.499	6.498
85¾	70¾	C of L 6¾% 80-82	86	+¼	7.548	10.464
92½	80	Ag Mt 7% 81-84	92½	..	8.604	9.924
77¾	55¾	Ag Mt 7½% 91-93	77¾	..	10.264	11.125
73¾	52¾	Ag Mt 8½% 85-90	73¾	..	9.277	10.825
91¾	73¾	Belfast 6½% 77-80	91½	..	7.102	10.015
88	68	Brighton 6½% 76-79	97¾	..	6.631	8.363
94¾	55	Camden 6½% 77-79	98	..	6.634	8.330
91¾	72¾	Croydon 6¾% 78-81	89	..	7.562	10.177
96¾	85½	Edin 6½% 77-79	98¾	..	6.617	8.100
103	80	Glasgow 9¼% 80-82	97	..	9.545	10.038
100	89	Gwich 6½% 76-78	100	..	6.783	6.748
110¾	96¾	Liverpl 13½% 1981	109¾	..	12.337	10.271
32½	22¾	Met Water B 34-03	32¾	..	9.606	11.284
99¾	76¾	N I 7% 79-80	89¾	..	7.341	13.268
98	60	N I 7% 82-84	84½	..	8.372	10.633
98¾	85	N I Elec 6½% 81-83	86	..	7.748	10.691
100	99¾	Notts 6½% 76-78	100	..	6.751	6.751
99¾	94	Sthend 5½% 77-79	96¾	..	5.421	8.492
85	64¾	Swark 6½% 83-86	84½	..	8.064	9.571
91¾	73¾	Surrey 6% 78-80	94¾	..	6.369	8.925

Investment Dollar Premium 76½% (68½%).
Premium Conversion Factor 0.8057.

FOREIGN STOCKS

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
54½	41½	Bayer	£41½	-½	197	4.7	18.4
12¾	11¾	Commerzbank	£13	..	44.2	3.4	14.9
22	17¾	Cp Fn Paris	£19¾	-½	197	10.1	6.0
52	43	EBES	£46	-½	291	6.1	..
23	14	Ericsson	£17¾	-½	69.2	3.9	20.0
13	6	Finsider	6½	-½	..	..	..
21	4½	Grangers	£4¾	..	..	..	..
540	390	Hoechst	390	-10	19.7	5.1	13.5
71	8	Montecatini E	9	..	..	..	..
530	486	Robeco fl.5	446	-8	29.7	6.1	27.9
491	337	Rolinco Subs fl 5	337	-5	..	..	43.5
100	30	Snia Viscosa	30	..	..	..	..
905	720	Thyssen-Huette	720	-10	..	..	32.9
78¾	42	Volkswagen	£63½	-½	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
16¾	8¾	Brascan	£9¾	..	57.4	6.6	3.9
22	6¾	BP Canada	£10⅛	-½	..	..	..
15¾	10¾	Can Pac Ord	£10¾	..	47.0	4.8	7.9
16¾	10¾	El Paso	£10½	+¼	41.7	4.0	19.7
45¾	30¾	Exxon Corp	£30¾	..	..	..	..
31	20¾	Fluor	£23¾	-½	63.7	2.7	10.4
25¾	17¾	Hollinger	£17¾	-½	..	..	..
33¾	25¾	Hud Bay Oil	£27¾	-½	25.9	1.0	52.0
24¾	14¾	Husky Oil	£16	-½	..	..	..
29¾	11	INCO	£11¾	-½	56.3	4.9	7.4
11¾	7	IU Int	£7¾	-½	52.4	7.2	10.0
33¾	20	Kaiser Alum	£20¾	+¼	51.4	4.0	..
15¾	9¾	Massey-Ferg	£9¾	..	58.1	6.3	2.7
17¾	12¾	Norton Simon	£12¾	..	43.7	3.4	10.3
27¾	20	Pacific Petrol	£21¾	-1	..	..	..
21¾	17¾	Pan Canadian	£12¾	-½	..	..	..
200	130	Steep Rock	142	-3	..	..	..
12¾	8¾	Trans Can P	£9¾	-½	..	..	..
42	19¾	US Steel	£20¾	-½	..	..	..
725	725	White Pass	725	..	15.9	2.2	21.0
12¾	7¾	Zapata Corp	£10¾	-½	15.7	1.5	5.1

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
305	153	Alexs Discount	250	-3	22.0	7.9	5.1
365	330	Allen H & Ross	330	..	46.5	8.8	9.5
192	92½	Allied Irish	152	+3	10.0b	6.2	5.7
153	108	Arb-Latham	154	..	14.3	9.1	10.8
237	155	ANZ Grp	225	..	11.6b	4.9	6.0
[illegible]	14¾	Bank America	£14¾	..	49.5	3.4	11.6
355	202½	Bk of Ireland	355	..	20.1b	5.7	6.7
17	11	Bk Leumi Israel	13	..	1.3	9.9	4.7
200	170	Bk Leumi UK	170	..	11.2	6.6	14.9
500	370	Bk of NSW	405	-5	18.6	4.6	7.7
310	223	Bk of Scotland	310	-2	16.5	5.3	8.1
34½	22	Bnks Trst NY	£22¾	..	175	7.7	8.2
348	227	Barclays Bank	315	+10	16.4	4.7	8.6
270	115	Brown Shipley	200	..	14.0	7.0	7.4
335	225	Cater Ryder	312	-2	25.6	8.5	..
26¾	19	Chase Man	£19¾	..	126	6.6	9.3
[illegible]	14¾	Citicorp	£14¾	..	61.7	4.2	7.9
[illegible]	51	Clive Discount	53	..	7.2	8.7	9.4
200	175	Com Bk of Aust	195	+10	10.3	5.6	5.2
179	115	Com Bk of Syd	125	..	9.3	8.6	..
[illegible]	12¾	CC De France	£12¾	+¼	131	9.4	9.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	First Nat Fin	7¾	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fraser Ans	12¾	-½	..	..	..
219	130	Gerrard & Nat	195	-1	12.4	6.3	8.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gibbs A	45	..	3.0	6.6	36.9
277	161½	Gillett Bros	253	+1	23.4	9.2	11.9
156	75	Grindlays Hldgs	129	-1	4.0	3.9	6.4
279	150	Guinness Peat	219	..	15.1	7.2	10.4
25	12	Hambros £16	£18	..	144	8.0	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Ord	217	..	14.4	6.6	8.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hill Samuel	99	+1	6.7	6.9	..
290½	231	Hong K & Shang	257	-1	7.7b	3.2	20.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Jessel Toynbee	64	..	6.2	..	..
195	115	Joseph L.	190	..	12.0	6.7	5.0
51	21	Keyser Ullmann	45	+1	0.5	1.1	..
[illegible]	42	King & Shaxson	73	-1	5.1	7.0	7.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Kleinwort Ben	110	..	2.9	5.3	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Lloyds Bank	298	+10	13.2	4.4	6.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Mercury Secs	173	-1	5.1	3.9	6.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Midland	355	-10	20.6	5.2	6.8
[illegible]	39	Minster Assets	53½	..	5.3b	8.4	9.2
240	195	Nat of Aust	255	..	9.7	4.7	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Nat Com Bk Grp	59	+3	4.0	5.0	5.9
[illegible]	205	Nat Westminster	290	+10	16.5	5.5	7.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ottoman	£30	..	250	8.3	11.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Rea Bros	60	..	2.4	4.0	12.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Royal of Can	£15¾	-½	70.3	4.4	12.4
430	290	Schroders	425	+2	15.7	3.7	15.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Seccombe Mar	250	..	19.7	7.9	7.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Smith St Aubyn	62	..	7.2	8.0	..
[illegible]	293	Standard Chart	415	..	27.0	6.6	6.0
505	295	Union Discount	470	..	32.4	6.9	15.9
[illegible]	37	Wintrust	66	..	4.6	6.9	26.3

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allied	92	-2	5.6n	6.2	13.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bass Charrington	159	..	7.3	4.7	10.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Belhaven Brew	47	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bell A	220	-2	7.4	3.3	9.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Boddingtons	135	..	5.9	4.3	14.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Brown M	106	..	5.9	5.6	11.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bulmer H. P.	177	+1	4.9	3.6	8.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Burtonwood	142	..	4.8	3.7	10.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	City Ldn Dfd	63	-1	1.6	5.4	24.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Devenish	188	+2	5.9	4.2	7.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Distillers	177	+1	5.9	5.6	11.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Greenall	104	..	4.0	3.8	10.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Greene King	255	..	10.5	4.9	12.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Guinness	186	+1	10.6	5.7	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hardys & Hansons	117	-3	10.6	7.4	9.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Highland	124	..	4.4	3.2	20.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Invergordon	95	-1	3.2	3.3	11.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Irish Distillers	122	-5	5.1	4.1	12.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Marston	[illegible]	..	4.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scot & Newcastle	67	..	4.7	7.0	11.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Seagram	£23¾	..	45.7	3.2	10.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	SA Breweries	[illegible]	..	6.1	10.0	4.2
[illegible]	42	Tomatin	102	..	4.1	4.0	36.5
408	[illegible]	Vaux	408	+11	21.4	6.0	10.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Whitbread 'A'	94½	..	5.6	5.9	10.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do B	97	-1	5.6	5.9	10.8
[illegible]	55	Whitbread Inv	98	..	5.7	6.5	25.2
196	114	Wolverhampton	186	+1	8.7	4.4	11.5

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	122	+2	8.3	6.8	9.0
142	56	AB Electronic	112	..	7.6	6.8	7.7
37	23	AC Cars	37	..	1.5	3.8	9.2
94	32	AGB Research	83	● +1	3.5	4.2	13.7
228½	134	APV Hldgs	222	..	8.1	3.7	8.8
73	43	Aaronson Bros	62	+2	2.8	4.5	7.0
114	62	Acrow	114	..	3.6	3.2	13.0
98	52	Do A	93	..	3.6	3.9	10.6
41	11	Adda Int	33½	-½	0.8	2.3	..
282	150	Adwest Group	268	+2	15.2	5.7	7.4
63	34	Aeron't & Gen	58	..	3.5	6.0	10.3
82	42	Airfix Ind	49	..	4.6	9.3	6.5
131	79	Albright & W	101	..	6.5	6.4	6.5
86	69	Alcan 10½%	£89½	+1	1050	11.7	..
122	71	Do 9% Cnv	£119½	-½	900	7.5	..
300	205	Alginate Ind	290	-2	19.7	6.8	10.7
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	57	+1	6.6	11.5	..
56½	25½	Allen W G.	54	..	3.9	7.2	6.0
109¾	44¾	Allied Colloids	87	-2	2.3	2.6	15.3
66	43	Allied Insulators	59	-1	5.3	9.0	7.1
13¾	7½	Allied Plant	13	-½	1.1	8.2	7.8
50	19	Allied Polymer	50	h ..	3.4	6.7	24.5
157	75½	Allied Retailers	187	..	12.1	6.5	9.0
46	19	Alpine Hldgs	45	..	2.5	5.5	26.9
292	210	Amal Metal	272	..	21.5	7.9	5.3
138	57¾	Amal Power	127	+1	8.0	6.3	7.1
39	21	Amber Day	36½	..	2.9	8.0	5.2
18	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	16	..	0.8a	4.7	2.4
86	41	Anchor Chem	71	..	6.0	8.4	7.9
57½	34	Anderson Strath	53½	● +½	3.8	7.2	7.3
87	48½	Anglia TV 'A'	87	+3	6.0	6.9	7.6
840	390	Anglo Amer Ind	430	..	42.9	10.0	4.0
42	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	33	..	.. e	..	..
81	49	Applegard	76	..	6.7	8.9	6.6
38½	18½	Aquascutum 'A'	39½	..	2.1	5.3	8.7
122	60	Arlington Mtr	122	..	11.7	9.6	8.9
75	38	Armitage Shanks	72½	+½	6.5	8.9	10.5
73	39	Arnot Equip	61	+1	3.1	5.0	10.4
53	44	Asprey 6½% Pf	49	..	6.0	12.2	..
94	55½	Ass Biscuit	94	+4	4.9	5.1	9.1
173	85	Ass Book	173	+1	6.1	3.5	7.6
76½	48	Ass Brit Food	66	+1	3.3	5.0	6.7
142	82	Ass Engineer	122	● ..	7.1	5.8	6.3
62	36	Ass Fisheries	60	-2	5.4	9.1	12.0
62	29½	Ass Leisure	60	-1	4.3	7.1	11.2
194	121	Ass News	170	+4	8.1	4.8	9.7
52	29	Ass Paper	51	..	4.5	8.8	..
294	153	Ass Port Cement	266	-1	13.1	4.9	8.8
118	69½	Ass Tel 'A'	118	+3	9.9	8.4	5.2
28	23	Ass Tooling	26	..	3.5	13.3	20.2
38	23	Astbury & Mdley	38	+1	1.7	4.6	5.6
51	27	Atkins Bros	48	-1	5.6	11.6	7.5
43	27	Audiotronic	34	+2	.. e	..	8.4
37	22	Ault & Wiborg	34	..	2.9	8.4	7.2
97	58	Aurora Hldgs	97	+2	7.9	8.1	4.7
70	30	Austin E.	70	● ..	5.5	7.9	5.0
113½	51	Automotive Pd	101	+1½	2.8	2.8	8.1
34	14½	Avana Grp	32	+½	1.6	4.8	8.0
174	113	Averys	153	+1	8.3	5.4	8.2
197	74	Avon Rubber	195	-2	14.1	7.2	2.9
307	235	B A.T. Ind	286	..	20.0	7.0	6.1
260	203	Do Dfd	235	..	..	..	..
68	39	BBA Grp	61	..	3.4	5.6	8.9
136	87	BICC	110	..	10.0	9.1	13.1
82	61	BOC Int	78½	+½	4.8	6.1	5.4
276	111	BPB Ind	243	+1	11.0	4.5	7.5
50	26	BPM Hldgs 'A'	48	+1	4.3	9.0	6.5
41¾	17½	BSG Int	41¾	+½	3.2	7.7	6.9
151	91	BSR Ltd	92	+1	7.1	7.7	4.1
292	142½	BTR Ltd	255	..	13.8	5.4	8.8
144	70	Babcock & W	119	+1	8.0	6.7	5.2
36	21	Baggeridge Brk	31	● +½	3.5	11.4	9.7
8½	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	7½	-½	0.3	4.4	35.8
199	93	Baird W.	161	..	14.1	8.7	6.1
112	65	Baker Perkins	102	..	6.2	6.1	6.1
53	28½	Bambergers	46	..	4.5	9.8	5.2
15	3½	Barker & Dobson	14½	-½	.. e	..	..
208	141	Barlow Rand	178	-4	16.5	9.2	3.6
70	39	Barr & Wallace	70	+2	5.1	7.3	6.5
69	37	Do A	68	+2	5.1	7.5	6.6
122	56¾	Barratt Devs	122	+3	12.2b	10.0	5.7
54	36	Barrow Hepbn	47	..	5.6	11.9	6.3
53	40	Barton & Sons	47	..	5.0	10.5	4.4
153	69	Bassett G.	153	..	7.8	5.1	9.4
90	59	Bath & P'land	77	..	5.0	6.5	4.3
87	34	Beales J.	58	..	4.0	6.8	4.3
193	66	Beatson Clark	170	..	7.6	4.5	6.8
46½	25½	Beaufort Grp	45	..	4.6	10.2	7.7
73½	48	Beckman A.	72	..	6.8	9.4	8.0
690	372	Beecham Grp	673	+8	29.0	4.3	14.1
83	39½	Bejam Grp	71	+1	2.2	3.1	8.9
85	54	Bemrose Corp	72	..	5.8	8.1	6.9
70	22½	Benn Bros	65	..	3.3	5.0	10.5
227	148½	Berisf'd S & W	223	+6	12.5	5.6	10.0
36	31	Berisfords	56	..	3.4	6.1	5.9
50	36	Best & May	49	..	4.1	8.4	8.6
163	122	Beatobell	162	+3	14.3	8.8	8.4
66	25	Bett Bros	66	..	2.4	3.7	6.9
201	102	Bibby J.	197	..	10.1	5.1	6.3
74	54	Birmid Qualcst	64	..	6.2	9.7	7.7
77	50	Birm'gham Mint	61	+1	6.6	10.8	6.6
230	148	Bishops Stores	200	..	3.7	1.9	11.3
205	57	Do A NV	160	..	3.7	2.3	9.0
123	68	Black & Edg'tn	118	+1	6.4	5.5	15.6
40	15	Blackman & C	19	..	..	..	33.9
93	49	Blackwd Hodge	84	+2	4.4	5.2	7.5
27½	15	Blackwood Mt	26	..	..	..	14.9
244	122	Blagden & N	244	+6	18.2	7.5	9.3
72	39	Blundell Perm	64	+2	4.4	6.8	8.7
13	7½	Boardman K. O.	13	● ..	1.5	11.3	3.4
69	33	Bodycote	62	-1	3.4	5.5	6.0
36	17	Bonser Eng	24	..	2.0	8.5	13.3
240	128	Booker McCon	230	+2	10.7	4.7	10.5
183	84	B'sey & Hawkes	183	..	7.3	4.0	7.5
157	87	Boot H.	137	..	12.5	9.1	6.2
242	115	Boots	230	..	4.3	1.9	17.6
97	71	Borthwick T.	73	+1	9.4	12.9	10.0
20½	14	Boulton W.	20	..	2.1	10.4	6.5
218	160	Bowater Corp	184	..	14.7	8.0	6.7
66	34	Bowthrpe Hldgs	55	..	2.3	4.0	7.1
88	62	Braby Leslie	86	+1	8.0	9.2	4.9
76	60	Brady Ind	73	+2	8.6	11.8	13.9
75	57	Do A	71	..	8.6	12.1	13.5
40	23½	Braham Millar	37	..	2.3	5.6	5.3
37½	17	Braid Grp	37½	..	2.0	5.2	6.0
170	67½	Braithwaite	147	..	6.1	4.2	4.1
114	44½	Brammer H.	112	..	6.4	5.7	10.4
53	38	Bremner	50	..	5.8	11.6	10.1
206	90	Brent Chem Int	200	..	3.7	1.8	16.5
40	25	Brent Walker	37	+1	1.7a	4.6	16.5
35	23	Brickhouse Dud	34	..	3.3	9.8	6.7
172	105	Bridon	117	+4	9.6	8.2	6.3
41½	27½	Bright J. Grp	39½	..	3.7	9.3	7.1
43	29	Brit Car Auctn	43	+1	3.0	7.0	10.6
17	11	Brit Enkalon	13	..	..	..	..
246	137	Brit Home Strs	227	..	8.9	3.9	19.1
23	18	Brit Leyland	20	-2	..	..	1.5
120½	80	Brit Northrop	104	..	..	..	3.7
49½	31	Brit Printing	44½	+½	4.2	10.8	7.2
90	50	Brit Sim Spec	88	● ..	7.2	8.2	10.2
485	278	Brit Sugar	470	+5	29.2n	6.2	5.2
70½	30½	Brit Syphon Ind	61	..	4.6	7.6	9.2
56	29½	Brit Tar Prod	56	+3½	2.1	3.7	9.9
90	44	Brit Vita	80	..	3.1	3.8	5.9
27½	13½	Brittains	26	..	2.1	8.2	21.1
61	44	Brockhouse Ltd.	58	● ..	5.5	9.5	4.7
86	41	Brocks Grp	74	..	5.1	6.9	13.1
715	410	Broken Hill	429	+5	19.3	4.5	42.5
40	30	Bronx Eng	38	..	2.4	6.3	5.9
71	35	Brook St Bur	69	..	6.4	9.2	17.9
56	38	Brooke Bond	49½	+1	4.2	8.5	4.1
18	11	Brooke Tool	17	..	..	..	19.2
118	49	Brotherhood P.	103	+2	5.9b	8.5	3.7
85	74	Brown & Tawse	83	-1	6.6	8.0	5.5
55	19	BRK	51	..	2.7	5.2	12.1
21	12	Brown Bros Cp	20½	..	1.6	7.9	11.8
261	99	Brown J	240	+8	12.1	5.1	5.9
124	85	Bruntons	108	..	10.6	9.9	7.6
39	17	Bryant Hldgs	29	+1	3.4	8.8	5.2
132	66	Bullough Ltd	120	..	5.6	7.2	5.4
48	29	Bulmer & Lumb	41	..	4.6	11.6	5.1
120	57	Bunzl Pulp	98	..	7.4	7.5	3.9
64	35	Burco Dean	60	● +1	5.6	9.4	5.5
38	22	Burgess Prod	36	..	3.5	9.9	5.6
184	61	Burnett H'shire	160	..	4.1	2.6	7.6
184	63	Do A NV	156	..	4.1	2.6	7.6
39	16	Burns And'son	39½	+½	2.2	5.7	5.6
17½	9	Burrell & Co	14½	..	1.4	9.7	7.5
190	130	Burt Boulton	175	..	15.4	8.8	5.0
126	51	Burton Grp	123	..	2.3	1.9	..
115	39	Do A	114	-1	2.3	2.0	..
75	43	Bury & Masco	73	-1	6.4	8.8	10.9
60	30	Butterfld-Harvy	64	..	3.2	5.0	11.1

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
33	13¾	CH Industrials	42	..	2.1	6.7	5.5
58½	35½	Cadbury Sch	57½	-1	4.1	7.2	11.3
105	70	Caffyns	105	● +4	8.7	8.3	8.5
55	48	C'bread Robey	52	..	2.3	4.4	14.5
131	30	Campari	131	..	2.9	2.1	6.5
174	64	Do B	119	+2	..	..	..
82	47½	Camrex Hldgs	70	..	6.0	8.8	5.9
62	36	Canning W	54	..	5.2	9.2	9.6
136	95	Cape Ind	114	-1	11.5	10.1	5.8
62	37	Caplan Profile	42	..	6.6	10.6	9.2
90	33½	Capper Neill	63	..	3.2	4.7	8.0
95	35	Caravans Int	53	+1	7.0	7.5	5.2
88	35	Carclo Eng	64	..	4.5	7.1	5.9
51	32	Carless Capel	40	+1	1.3	3.3	20.3
169	29	Carlton Ind	168	..	8.3	4.9	7.9
76	49	Carpets Int	53	..	6.3	12.9	3.4
91	23	Carr J. (Don)	99	..	2.9	3.1	7.0
40	22½	Carr'ton Vly	39	+½	3.0	7.7	21.6
100	42¾	Carroll P. J	94	● ..	9.2	9.8	7.5
45	29	Casket S Hldgs	40	..	3.0	7.4	4.5
21	7	Causton Sir J	21	+1	..	..	5.2
165	65	Cawoods	140	● +2	5.3	3.8	10.3
30½	12	Celestion	36	-½	0.2	2.5	10.3
125	54½	Cement Roadstone	125	+4	6.9	5.5	15.7
54	25	Cen & Sheer	42½	-½	3.4	7.4	9.1
67	42	Central Man	67	..	4.0	6.0	2.5
229	100	Centreway Ltd	229	..	16.5	7.2	6.5
42	34	Ch'mbn & Hill	34	..	3.9	11.3	2.6
58½	27½	Chamberl'n Grp	56	..	4.2	7.5	7.7
33	24½	Change Wares	20½	..	..	..	..
21	17	Do Cnv Cum	20½	● ..	2.4	11.8	..
129	91	Chloride Grp	110	+2	7.3	6.6	9.0
78	37	Christies Int	76	-1	4.5	5.9	7.0
138	93	Chubb & Sons	133	+2	5.5	4.1	9.4
166	57	Church & Co	126	..	4.7	2.4	9.6
78	45	Coalite & Chem	78	+2	4.2	5.4	6.5
74	50	Coates Bros	74	-1	2.3	4.4	7.4
77	45	Do A	73	+1	3.2	4.4	7.4
79	57	Coats Patons	71½	-½	4.7	6.5	5.4
130	45	Cole R H	130	+2	5.3	4.1	9.7
62	33	Collett D'son	57	..	4.7	8.2	6.2
186	99	Collins W	140	..	7.0	4.7	7.2
196	99	Do A	140	..	7.0	4.7	7.2
38	11	Comben Grp	29	+1	2.0b	7.4	9.4
101	50	Comb Eng Strs	92	..	1.5	5.0	10.0
166	45	Comp Fabric'n	165	-1	5.3	3.2	10.2
114	64	CompAir	95	+1½	5.5	5.9	7.7
30	20	Compton Webb	27	..	2.6	9.5	4.5
29	16	Cook W	25	..	2.4	9.6	3.5
65	37	Cope Allman	56	..	4.8	8.5	5.7
17	9	Copson F	17	..	1.2	6.6	9.8
35½	10½	Coral	20½	..	1.7a	4.9	9.7
144	58¾	Coral Leisure	135	● -2	9.1	6.7	22.2
85	34	Cosalt	75	+1	4.7	6.7	6.8
292	134	Costain R	274	+2	15.2b	5.5	9.6
37	4	Countryside	33	+1	0.3	0.8	34.3
107	73	Court (Furn)	102	+1	4.9	4.9	7.0
107	73	Do A NV	102	+1	4.9	4.4	7.1
129	99	Courtaulds	116	+½	10.7	9.2	3.8
77	30	Courtney Pope	71	+3	3.2	4.5	20.2
73	20¼	Cowan de Groot	72	-1	3.5	3.9	4.4
42	23	Cowie T.	42	+½	2.4	5.8	8.6
100	24	Crane Fruehauf	99	h ..	3.6a	3.7	10.7
44	15	Crellon Hldgs	29	+1	.. e	..	..
75	29	Crest Nicholson	75	+1	4.6	6.1	15.2
72	44	Croda Int	60	..	3.2	5.4	9.2
43	25	Cronite Grp	39	..	3.7	9.5	19.5
38	23	Cropper J.	37	..	1.3	3.4	..
139	94	Crosby Hse	136	+1	14.2	10.4	..
29	18	Crossland R.	26	..	1.9	7.3	8.3
70	45	Crossley Bldg	70	..	6.3	8.9	11.2
93	48	Crouch D.	93	+5	5.5	5.9	12.2
73	25	Crouch Grp	71	..	4.1	5.8	12.5
53	32½	Crown House	50½	● ..	4.7	9.4	9.8
45	28	Crowther J.	36	..	0.9	2.5	..
147	98	Cum'ns En Cv	£96	-2	375	3.9	..
151	63½	Dale Electric	151	+1	4.1	2.7	15.1
17	8	Dartmouth Inv	17	..	1.2	7.2	10.6
129	70½	Davies & New	119	+7	11.1	9.3	6.8
298	150	Davy Int	260	+6	15.2	5.8	8.7
96	48	Dawson J.	86	..	8.1	9.4	11.2
530	350	De Beers Ind	400	-10	44.6	11.2	8.0
26	21	Dennson Hldgs	25	● ..	3.2	12.7	7.6
118	64½	Debenhams	107	+2	8.0	7.5	7.3
638	256½	De La Rue	562	+12	30.0	5.3	8.3
580	233	Decca	505	..	16.1	3.2	14.5
555	223	Do A	490	..	16.1	3.3	14.2
81	49	Delta Metal	68½	..	6.8	9.9	9.4
100	66	Denbyware	83	..	8.3	10.0	..
178	82	De Vere Hotels	171	+1	6.7	3.9	31.9
165	87	Dew G.	165	h ..	7.7	4.7	8.8
62	27	Dewhirst I. J.	58	..	2.6	4.5	10.0
143	89	DRG	125	+1	9.9a	7.9	9.1
178	57	Diploma Inv	164	+1	5.8	3.5	9.9
60	28	Dixon D	58	+1	3.8	6.5	28.8
178	63	Dixons Photo	171	-2	3.3	1.9	8.4
38	20	Dixor	35	..	0.9	2.6	43.2
78	37	Dobson Park	78	..	3.2	4.1	5.9
82	41	Dom Hldgs	64	..	6.6	10.3	11.4
104	43½	Douglas R. M.	102	..	4.7	4.6	7.1
24	17	Dow'd & Mills	21½	..	1.6	7.6	9.9
250	105	Downing G. H.	218	..	15.7	7.2	4.7
174	93	Dowty Grp	162	+3	6.4	4.0	10.3
24	12½	Drake & Scull	22	+2	..	..	..
50	28	Dreamland Elec	41	..	3.5	8.6	12.9
19½	9	Dubilier	18	● ..	1.5	8.3	10.7
47	34	Dufay	38	..	2.3b	6.0	8.6
123	73½	Dunlop Hldgs	90	+1	8.0	8.9	5.4
14	5½	Duple Int	12½	..	0.9	7.2	6.9
87½	57½	Duport	69½	..	6.4	9.3	4.9
131	41	Durapipe Int	115	+3	5.7	4.8	7.3
49½	26	Dutton For	46½	+½	4.3	8.8	8.3
37	21	Dykes J. Hldgs	28	-½	.. e	..	10.2
253	172	E.M.I.	188	+3	14.0	7.4	7.1
156	34	ERF Hldgs	130	+2	5.0	3.8	4.0
47	35	E Lancs Paper	44	..	4.8	10.9	..
76	46	E Mid A Press	76	..	5.5	7.2	5.7
90	22	Eastern Prod	84	+2	6.6	7.8	6.5
105	56	Eastwood J. B.	105	..	6.0	5.8	2.9
154	105	Edbro	126	● ..	8.9	7.1	5.2
42	19	Eleco Hldgs	42	..	2.6	6.3	11.5
46	32	Elec & Ind Secs	39	..	4.1	10.4	7.2
360	89	Electrocomps	345	-2	7.5	2.2	15.9
22½	15	Electronic Mach	22½	+1½	..	..	..
120	48	Electr'nic Rent	117	..	7.6	6.5	8.4
119	59½	Elliott B.	101	..	7.9	7.8	5.6
41	14	Elliott Grp	23	..	.. e	..	7.2
92	66	Ellis & Everard	87	+1	7.7	8.8	16.1
19½	14¾	Ellis & Gold	17½	..	2.7	15.6	9.9
77	37	Elson & Robbins	74	..	4.7	6.4	5.8
202	82½	Empire Stores	185	..	7.3	4.0	16.1
14¾	4¾	Energy Serv	13	..	0.3b	2.3	16.5
36	22	England J. F.	36	..	2.0	5.5	3.1
21	3½	English & O'seas	21	+½	0.5	2.5	19.6
109	50	English Card Cl	84	..	4.2	5.0	4.6
109	64¾	Eng China Clay	84	+1	5.4	6.4	9.8
74	51	Erith & Co	68	..	7.4	10.9	7.0
220	130	Esperanza	163	..	7.7	4.7	6.0
78	42	Eucalyptus Pulp	68	..	7.6b	11.1	2.2
112½	54	Euro Ferries	112½	+3½	4.2	3.6	8.9
107	52	Era Industries	105	-2	7.3	6.9	7.4
211	121	Ever Ready	175	+2	6.1	3.5	9.0
95	42	Erode Hldgs	84	-2	3.2	3.8	9.8
29½	14½	Ewer G	29½	+½	2.0a	7.6	10.2
17¾	7	Excalibur	17¾	+¼	0.7	4.2	6.8
105	65	Exch Telegraph	97	+2	7.7a	7.9	8.4
77¾	57	Expand Metal	61½	..	5.6	9.1	6.8

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115	52	FMC	74	..	3.9	5.2	3.7
19	7	FPA Cons	17	-1	1.7	10.0	7.6
62	32¾	Fairbairn L'son	58	+1	3.5	6.1	8.9
73	37½	Fairclough Cons	66	+1	3.6	5.4	6.7
103	29	Fairview Est	103	+1	8.6	8.3	6.2
240	81	Farnell Elect	220	..	9.9	4.5	12.0
80	44	Fed Chem Hldgs	72	h +1	5.3	7.3	7.8
40	13	Fed Lnd & Build	40	..	3.1	7.8	11.7
36	23	Feedex Ltd	31	..	2.0	6.4	7.9
142	111	Fenner J. H.	137	+7	10.2	7.4	9.4
106	45	Ferguson Ind	98	..	9.1	9.3	10.2
52	19¼	Fine Art Dev	46½	+½	2.8	6.0	11.1
319	150	Finlay J.	309	-1	9.9	3.2	5.7
26	9	Finlay Pack	20	..	0.9	4.3	7.5
55	34	Firth G.M.	39	+2	.. e	..	11.1
400	253	Fisons	385	+5	18.5	4.8	11.3
73	46	Fitch Lovell	67	+2	5.6	8.3	8.4
89	43½	Fluidrive Eng	79	..	5.0	6.3	8.5
65	30	Fodens	60	+2	3.8	6.4	4.0
143	60	Fogarty E.	143	..	4.8	3.4	7.4
25½	15½	Folkes Hefo NV	21	..	2.1	10.0	4.8
33	20	Ford M.	33	..	3.7	11.1	13.8
259	145	Ford Mtr BDR	145	..	9.3	6.4	15.3
130	49¾	Formminster	130	● +4	6.0	4.6	6.2
535	410	Fortnm & Mason	535	..	31.5	5.9	9.8
212	136	Foseco Min	151	+1	6.5	4.3	9.0
83	39	Foster Bros	83	..	4.3	5.2	10.7
33	18	Foster J.	28	..	2.5	8.9	9.9
94	69	Fothergill & H	83	..	9.4	11.3	9.4
48	28	Francis G. R.	45	..	5.4	11.9	8.2
70	28	Francis Ind	64	+1	5.1	8.0	5.3
319	127	Freemans Ldn	292	+2	8.5	2.9	13.9
65	40	French T.	63	..	3.9	6.1	4.0
35½	14	French Kier	34	-½	2.3b	6.7	13.9
96	53	Friedland Doggt	90	..	4.4	4.9	7.1
86	49	GEI Int	81	..	5.9	7.2	8.5
65	32½	Gallifd Brindley	65	+2	4.6	7.1	7.0
194	67	Garnar Scotblair	104	..	6.8	6.6	4.9
282	163	GEC	278	+3	5.8	2.1	11.4
104¾	94¾	Do F Rate	£101	..	869	..	..
27	12¾	Gen Eng (Rad)	19	● ..	1.5	8.1	5.1
310	196	Gen Mtr BDR	200	+5	11.0g	5.5	8.4
190	124	Gestetner 'A'	160	+3	5.7	3.6	7.4
65	32¾	Gibbons Dudley	65	..	3.5	5.4	3.1
95	35	Gieves Grp	95	..	6.8	7.1	9.1
240	161½	Gill & Duffus	229	..	13.2	5.8	7.7
58	23	Giltspur Ltd	56½	..	4.1	7.2	5.8
70	36	Glass & Metal	66	..	4.2	6.4	7.1
27	13	Glass Glover	22	..	1.7	7.9	8.8
667	400	Glaxo Hldgs	605	+12	15.5	2.6	12.1
54	19	Gleeson M. J.	47	..	2.8	5.9	7.2
37	34	Glossop & W.J.	51	+1	5.5	10.7	5.5
130	76	Glynwed	102½	+4	11.4b	11.1	8.7
70	39	Goldbg & Sons	62	..	5.7	9.2	12.4
87	41	Gomme Hldgs	83	-2	4.6	5.5	10.9
95	60	Gordon & Gotch	85	..	4.1	4.8	9.2
23	11	Gordon L. Grp	21	..	..	..	..
61	47	Grampian Hldgs	54	+2	6.0	11.0	7.8
99	42½	Granada 'A'	98	-1	3.0	3.0	10.8
108	63½	Grand Met Ltd	108	+1½	6.5	6.0	12.3
343	183	Gt Univ Stores	316	..	11.8	3.7	14.6
346	175	Do A	312	..	11.8	3.8	14.5
41½	17¾	Greenfield Mill	39	..	2.7	6.9	11.4
93	65	Greens Econ	83	+1	6.4	7.7	6.4
55	28	Gripperrods	41	+1	3.6	8.7	4.6
368	260	GKN	274	+6	23.6	8.6	7.6
109	71	Haden Carrier	93	+2	12.0	12.9	5.8
95	55	Haggas J.	95	+3	1.0	1.1	7.4
99	52½	Hall Eng	90	+2	6.4	7.1	6.1
207	99½	Hall M.	204	+6	10.0n	4.9	8.2
54	14	Halma Ltd	52	-1	2.1	4.1	8.6
96	69	Hanimex Corp	86	..	4.1	4.8	4.8
161	100	Hanson Trust	151	..	9.5	6.3	7.4
51	36	Hardy Furn	35	..	0.3	0.9	..
41	33	Do A	34	..	0.3	0.9	..
59	25	Hargreaves Grp	57½	-½	4.6	8.0	9.4
52	24½	Harris Sheldon	49	..	4.3	8.7	8.3
53	35	Harrison T.C.	95	..	5.9	6.1	9.0
437	270½	Harrison Cros	362	+12	18.1	5.0	8.8
98	41	Hartwells Grp	85	+1	6.7	7.8	7.3
224	213	Hawker Sidd	209	-4	5.9	3.0	7.8
71	43	Hawkins & T'son	69	..	6.1	8.8	4.4
77	51	Hawthorn L.	74½	-1½	..	..	..
159	57	Hays Wharf	162	-1	7.5	4.6	16.8
34	12½	Headlam Sims	34	..	1.9	5.6	7.0
15½	6½	Helene of Ldn	15½	..	0.9	5.1	5.2
28	10	Helical Bar	29	..	3.1	10.6	17.3
54	29	Hend'son Kent	84	+1	3.4	4.0	4.9
124	79	Henly's	116	+3	9.3a	8.0	6.2
100	59½	Hepworth Cer	87	..	5.0	5.7	10.1
64	27½	Hepworth J.	64	● ..	3.5	5.4	10.3
21½	9½	Herman Smith	19	..	0.4	4.2	37.5
143	76	Hestair	114	-1	9.1	8.0	4.0
60	17½	Hewden-Stuart	52	..	1.9	3.7	9.7
24	11	Hewitt J	21	..	1.4	6.8	4.1
75	30	Hickling P'cost	67	+2	9.8	11.3	10.0
610	225	Hickson Welch	565	+5	14.2	2.8	9.6
27	19	Higgs & Hill	90	..	5.0	5.6	4.6
41	23½	Hill & Smith	36	..	3.1	8.5	4.7
120	75	Hill C. Bristol	92	-3	9.9	10.7	..
380	190	Hillards	250	..	6.8	2.7	7.2
99	69	Hoffnung S.	70	..	6.4	9.2	5.1
61	20	Hollis Grp	61	+1	6.4	10.4	5.6
74	34	Hollis Bros	69	..	6.2	9.0	6.3
142	70	Holt Lloyd	134½	+1½	8.5	6.3	13.4
121	80	Home Charm	121	..	5.2	4.3	12.6
419	125	Hoover	387	..	20.5	5.3	6.4
422	145	Do A	387	..	20.5	5.3	6.4
106	75	Hopkinsons	91	+1	7.1	8.6	4.5
29	26	Horizon Mid	80	+1	4.8	5.6	5.5
155	71	Hse of Fraser	126	+1	6.7	4.3	13.6
69	29	Hoveringham	69	..	2.9	4.3	13.7
62	27½	Do RV	61	..	2.9	4.8	22.3
29	12½	Howard & Wynd	19½	..	..	..	20.5
15½	10½	Do A	17½	..	..	..	9.3
32	30	Howard Mach	32	+2	3.4	10.9	6.4
36	32	Howard Tenens	27½	..	2.6	9.5	..
72	39	Howden Grp	67	-2	5.6	8.4	28.8
13¾	9½	Hudson's Bay	£10¼	..	34.7	3.2	11.1
26	25	Hunt Moscrop	21	..	1.1	3.7	8.5
229	[illegible]	Hunting Assoc	212	..	4.5	2.1	9.6
136	[illegible]	Huntleigh Grp	118	+4	3.4	2.9	9.3
[illegible]	47	Hutchison Int	49½	..	..	..	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
272	[illegible]	ICL	279	● +6	13.3	4.8	6.3
[illegible]	75	IDC Grp	120	+2	12.7	10.5	9.3
153	74	Ibstock Johnsen	146	..	6.9	6.0	7.9
[illegible]	325½	Imp Chem Ind	354	+5	21.9	6.8	6.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Imp Cold Store	93	-2	[illegible]	7.9	3.6
78½	45	Imperial Grp	76	+1	7.8	10.3	6.4
62	4	Imp Metal Ind	58	+1	5.8	9.9	6.6
28½	17	Ingall Ind	27½	-½	2.6	11.5	9.2
[illegible]	27	Ingram H	37	● +4	4.3	11.9	9.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Initial Services	71	● ..	6.6	9.9	22.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Int Combustion	101	h +1	12.1n	12.0	7.9
[illegible]	41¾	Int Paint	66	..	7.6	5.8	6.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Int Timber	121	+3	9.9	9.0	5.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Inveresk Grp	80½	..	7.4	9.2	13.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] ADR	[illegible]	..	9.8	1.4	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	JB Hldgs	67	..	1.6	2.5	5.5
24	12	Jacks W	22½	..	1.0	4.4	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Jacksons B End	36	..	.. e	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	James M Ind	21	..	0.8	7.6	..
[illegible]	172	Jardine M'son	178	+2	6.5	4.1	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	195	..	13.1	7.0	6.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Johnson Hldgs	34½	+1½	2.4	7.0	5.0
66	42½	Johnson & F B	63	+1	7.1	11.5	4.5
[illegible]	27	Johnson Grp	74	..	5.9	7.8	9.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Johnson Matt	465	+5	29.2	6.3	7.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Johnson-Richd	342	● -2	10.9	3.1	10.0
87	42½	Jones Stroud	88	..	5.6	6.5	7.5
44	21	Jourdan T.	40	..	4.0	9.9	6.2
54	27	K Shoes	53	● +1	3.4	6.5	4.7
135	36	Kelsey Ind	118	-1	4.9	4.2	4.8
84	49¾	Kenning Mtr	79½	+1½	6.3a	7.9	8.7
44	21	Kent M. P.	44	..	3.1	7.1	11.9
46	13	Kitchen Taylor	45	-1	..	..	..
108	52¾	Kode Int	93	-1	7.2	7.8	8.1
50½	16	Kwik-Fit Hldgs	46	-½	1.2	2.6	20.1
274¾	131¾	Kwik Save Disc	235	..	7.9	3.4	17.9
95	62	LCP Hldgs	95	+1	7.3	7.6	8.2
92	49½	LRC Int	72½	-½	4.4	6.1	7.2
110	80	LWT Hldgs 'A'	106	..	9.4	8.7	6.5
216	88	Ladbroke	214	-2	10.6	5.0	14.5
44	30¾	Ladies Pride	43	-1	3.3	7.7	5.4
105	27	Lafarge	93	h +1	3.0	3.3	10.3
171	70	Laing J.	151	+1	5.0	3.3	12.2
170	69	Do A	151	+1	5.0	3.3	12.2
97	44	Laird Grp Ltd	78½	..	4.5	5.7	6.3
65	43	Lake & Elliot	67	+6	5.3	9.3	12.9
38	31	Lambert H'wth	38	..	4.4	11.4	5.3
78	28	Lane P. Grp	59	..	4.8	8.1	5.7
52½	21½	Lankro	52½	h ..	2.0	3.6	18.5
151	83¾	Laporte Ind	102	-1	10.3	10.0	5.7
135	84	Latham J.	123	..	10.5	8.5	5.6
136	46	Laurence Scott	117	..	7.6	6.5	6.8
106	53	Lawrence W.	102	..	9.9	9.7	7.6
64	24	Lawtex	64	..	4.4	6.8	4.2
177	128	Lead Industries	153	..	11.2	7.3	6.0
62	36	Le-Bas E.	43	+2	2.5	5.8	..
25	15¾	Lee A.	24	● ..	2.2	9.2	9.4
138	39¾	Lee Cooper	118	+1	2.5	2.1	5.1
189	32½	Leigh Int	170	..	5.5	3.2	24.1
65	16¾	Leisure & Gen	60	h ..	2.0	3.3	14.1
113	60¾	Leisure C'van	113	+3	6.7	6.0	12.9
45	29	Lennons Grp	36	..	2.3	6.5	11.7
283	113	Lep Grp	245	● ..	5.2	2.1	7.3
82	57	Lesney Ord	63	..	4.1	6.5	4.6
60	40	Do RV	32	..	4.1	7.9	3.8
120	70	Letraset	104	-4	4.3	4.1	7.2
83	36½	Lex Services	78½	..	5.3	6.7	10.5
19	5¾	Liberty Ord	£19	..	48.5	2.6	8.7
86	33	Lilley F. J. C.	75	..	3.8	5.1	7.8
60	30	Lincroft Kilg	57	..	5.3	9.3	5.8
151	58	Lindustries	150	+1½	13.6	9.1	8.6
197½	100	Linfood Hldgs	172	● -3	13.6	7.9	7.2
39	19	Linread	38	+1	3.0	8.0	..
41	22	Lister & Co	40	..	0.2	0.4	..
79	64	Lloyd F. H.	68	..	7.5	11.1	6.0
16½	9	Locker T.	15	..	1.3	8.3	6.7
14½	5¾	Do A	14	..	1.3	8.9	6.3
116	58	Lockwoods Fds	116	..	5.6	4.8	6.3
76½	44	Ldn & M'land	76½	+1½	7.2b	9.4	6.8
43½	24	Ldn & N'thern	29½	-½	3.0b	10.3	5.5
55	39	Ldn Brick Co	76	..	4.6	6.1	8.5
167	94	Ldn Prov Post	167	..	13.6	8.2	7.7
73	31	Longton Trans	60	..	5.2	8.7	3.5
87	60	Lonrho	76	..	9.8b	12.9	2.9
79	38	Lonsdale Univ	79	+2	6.6	8.3	10.0
51	26	Lookers	49	..	3.8	7.7	4.1
86	44	Lovell Hldgs	81	+2	5.4	6.6	8.5
175	120	Low & Bonar	170	..	16.5b	9.7	6.0
337	204	Lucas Ind	278	+3	12.5	4.5	6.9
20	15	Lyndale Eng	20	h ..	2.0	10.0	9.4
87	25	Lyon & Lyon	87	+3	9.1	10.4	9.4
128	47	Lyons J. Ord	110	+4	11.5	10.5	8.6

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
125	33	MFI W'house	125	+1	6.0	4.8	15.9
214	87	MK Electric	181	● +1	8.8	4.9	7.7
94	48	ML Hldgs	90	..	5.9	6.5	7.7
87	37	MY Dart	56	-1	3.3	5.9	4.3
228	138	McCorquodale	228	+6	20.4	8.9	6.3
44	15	McInerney Prop	44	..	..	..	19.4
19	11	McCleery L'Amie	12	-1½	..	..	..
44	28	Mackay H.	44	..	4.9	11.2	14.1
94	60¾	McKechnie Bros	85	+1	7.5	8.8	4.8
46	31	McNeill Grp	42	..	..	..	..
63½	37	Macpherson D.	57½	+2	3.3	6.5	6.0
60½	17	Madame Tussds	60½	h +1½	3.7a	6.1	15.9
59½	29	Mallinson Denny	49½	+2	4.2	8.4	5.9
77	50	Man Agcy Music	74	● ..	8.5	11.5	5.0
36	11	Manch Garages	36	+4½	1.5	4.1	7.4
247	177	Man Ship Canal	200	..	21.6	10.8	5.8
90	14	Mang Bronze	83	-2	2.9	3.4	3.6
42	27	Manordale Grp	42	..	6.2	14.8	4.0
15	5½	Maple Hldgs	15	..	.. e	..	..
292	114	Marchwiel	276	+4	5.2	1.9	6.3
170	95	Marks & Spencer	159	..	6.4	4.0	19.3
99	46	Marley Ltd	90	+1	3.8	4.2	7.8
24	9¾	Marling Ind	20	+½	1.5	7.7	10.1
57	31	Marshall Cav	57	..	6.0	10.5	10.0
46	27	Marshall T Lox	41	..	3.5	8.6	9.3
44	26	Do A	34	..	3.5	10.4	4.4
155½	95	Marshalls Univ	140	+4	9.5	6.8	4.7
97	55	Martin-Black	57	..	6.7	11.8	5.7
240	98½	Martin-News	240	● +6	10.2	4.2	5.7
180	91	Martonair	158	..	8.1	5.1	9.8
85	48	May & Hassell	80	● +1	4.4	5.4	5.3
122	60	Maynards	122	..	7.3	6.0	7.6
31	20	Mears Bros	31	+1	2.9	9.2	5.7
31	10½	Medminster	21	..	2.7	13.0	12.0
78	50	Melody Mills	74	..	4.4	6.3	4.9
84	30½	Melville D & W	46	..	3.7	8.1	4.7
13	9	Mentmore Mfg	13	+½	1.3	9.8	19.7
302	102	Menzies J.	302	..	7.1	2.4	16.3
362	246	Metal Box	312	+4	21.5	6.9	7.1
95	65	Metal Closures	84	..	6.8	7.3	8.1
41	13¾	Metalrax	41	..	1.6	3.9	8.3
55	28	Metoy	44	..	3.2	7.3	6.3
93	44	Meyer M. L.	85	● +1	6.9	8.1	3.8
42	19½	Midland Ind	42	● +2	1.5	3.6	7.3
85	28	Milbury	85	● +2	3.9	4.6	7.3
97	50	Mills A. J.	97	h ..	4.2	4.3	11.1
122	25	Mills & Allen	122	+5	..	..	12.2
188½	96	Miln Marsters	162	..	7.8	4.8	6.4
93	25	Mining Supplies	68	..	1.7	2.5	9.7
49	36½	Mitchell Cotts	41	..	5.2	12.6	5.5
66	24½	Mitchell Somers	64	..	2.4	3.7	6.5
66	43	Mixconcrete	60	+1	4.5	7.6	8.9
40	23½	Modern Eng	40	..	4.0	10.0	8.4
132	97	Molins	112	..	9.9	8.8	..
96	33½	Monk A.	86	● +1	5.4	6.3	9.0
50½	33	M'santo 5% Ln	£50	+1	500	10.0	..
79½	40	Do 6¼% Ln	£56½	-½	625	11.1	..
220	118	Do 5% Cnv	£124	..	500	4.0	..
53	35	Montfort Knit	53	..	4.9	9.2	8.2
85	25	More O'Ferrall	79	..	5.2	6.5	21.4
137	86	Morgan Cruc	125	+8	7.7	6.2	11.4
46	30	Morgan Edwds	38	..	2.9	9.6	54.8
196	82	Morgan-Grampn	196	h ..	4.0n	2.0	11.3
57	36	Morris & Blakey	50	..	6.2	12.5	12.0
58	33	Do A	50	..	6.2	12.5	12.0
84	44	Moss Bros	84	..	6.1b	7.2	15.2
87	46	Moss Eng	87	+2	8.3	9.4	7.1
210	101	Mothercare	198	+2	4.2	2.1	22.9
12	8	Moritex	12	..	..	..	..
144	48	Mowlem J.	138	..	9.9	7.1	9.3
212	117	Muirhead	200	-2	7.6	3.8	26.4
72	39	Myson Grp	59	+4	.. e	..	..
112	49	NSS News	110	● +2	3.2	2.9	10.0
51	27	Nathan B. & I.	49	..	4.6	9.3	10.6
67	38	Nat Carbon	48	+2	.. e	..	..
33	12	Needlers	20	..	.. e	..	..
45	30½	Neepsend	42	..	4.5	10.7	17.1
84	37	Negretti & Zam	81	..	5.0	6.2	7.4
95	61	Neill J.	94	..	7.3	7.7	6.5
180	45	Newarthill	180	+7	6.8	3.8	13.0
72½	33½	Newman Ind	69	+½	7.6	11.0	2.8
70	33	Newman Tonks	70	+5	5.5	7.9	8.0
162	88	Newmark L.	162	..	9.3	5.7	5.8
94	51	Norcros	80	● -1	6.2	6.9	6.9
26	11	Norfolk C Grp	26	..	0.3	1.2	54.2
46	26	Normand Elec	44	● ..	4.3	9.8	14.1
100	54	NEI	88½	+1½	8.5b	9.6	..
126	64	Nthn Foods	126	-1	4.7	3.7	10.7
180	44	Norton & Wright	177	● ..	6.0	3.4	17.1
39	9	Norton W. E.	36	-1	1.0	2.6	7.5
100	52	Norwest Holst	85	h +4	6.4	7.5	6.0
108	60	Notts Mfg	108	+1	4.5	4.2	10.2
122	45½	Nurdin & Peacock	106	..	2.6	2.5	14.8
76	17½	Nu-Swift Ind	26	..	2.2n	8.5	10.8

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
103	74	Ocean Wilsons	99	..	5.4	5.5	10.2
99	55	Office & Elect	91	..	6.2	6.8	6.6
103	60	Ofrex Grp	103	+1	5.0	4.9	12.0
31½	23½	Ogilvy & M	£25¾	-½	21.5	0.8	11.3
84	40	Osborn S.	73	+1	5.4	7.4	4.4
84	43	Owen Owen	73	..	4.0	5.5	7.3
51	7	Oxley Printing	47	..	3.8b	8.0	9.4
121	56½	Parker Knoll 'A'	102	..	4.9	4.8	4.0
108	60	Parker Timber	102	..	8.3	8.1	4.6
36	14	Paterson R.	36	..	3.5	9.6	10.4
220	126¾	Paterson Zoch	220	..	10.6	4.8	4.1
220	117½	Do A NV	215	..	10.6	4.9	4.0
113	62½	Pauls & Whites	108	+2	6.5	6.0	7.9
196	103	Pearson Long	179	..	8.2	4.6	8.3
207	123	Pearson & Son	202	..	9.4	4.6	9.5
37½	24½	Do 4% Ln	£34½	..	400	11.6	..
208	152	Pegler-Hatt	166	..	11.6	7.0	5.5
20	6	Pentland Ind	20	..	1.0	4.8	6.9
79	42	Pentos	79	+1	6.5	8.2	8.2
90	63	Perkin El 4%	£73	..	..	..	..
172	61	Perry H. Mtrs	160	..	7.8	4.7	10.5
87	50	Petrocon Grp	75	..	6.7	9.0	8.7
64	51	Philips Fin 5%	£58	..	575	9.9	..
11	7¾	Philips Lamps	£7¾	-½	37.1	4.9	..
19	7	Phillips Pats	10	..	..	..	44.2
195	64	Phoenix Timber	154	● ..	6.5	4.2	2.1
242	139	Photo-Me Int	245	-5	6.0	2.4	7.4
75	67	P'dilly Theatre	73	..	1.6	2.2	39.5
14	11	Pickles W	12	..	1.0	8.7	8.0
110	54	Pifco Hldgs	110	..	4.1	3.7	8.3
109	52	Do A	109	..	4.1	3.8	8.2
540	273	Pilkington Bros	480	..	16.9	3.5	7.2
66	44	Pittard Grp	66	..	4.0	6.0	5.7
126	81	Plaxtons	129	● +6	10.8	8.4	5.4
74	31	Pleasurama	74	-2	3.1	4.1	7.2
117	62	Plessey	95	-1	7.3	7.7	9.6
15½	7¾	Do ADR	£11¾	-½	..	..	..
78	42	Plysu	77	● ..	2.0	2.5	9.9
38	23	Pontins	38	f ..	2.6	6.7	13.5
419	126	Pork Farms	419	-4	19.8b	4.7	11.0
259	158	Portals Hldgs	242	+2	11.9	4.9	12.5
127	51	Porter Chad	102	-1	7.5	7.3	6.0
50	32	Portsmth News	49	● ..	4.3	9.0	6.0
223	119	Powell Duffryn	193	..	15.2	7.8	9.6
75	50	Pratt F. Eng	63	+1	7.0	11.0	7.2
78	35	Preedy A.	78	..	2.2	2.8	9.6
32	12¾	Press W	30	+1½	1.3	4.2	6.9
185	107	Prestige Grp	161	..	7.7	4.8	11.9
46	27	Prestwich Phr	34	..	4.6	13.6	9.0
195	135	Pretoria P Cem	170	-5	17.6a	10.4	3.4
227	104	Pride & Clarke	227	..	16.9	7.1	20.3
77	45	Priest B	76	+1	7.7	10.1	6.9
35	16¾	Pritchard Sers	33½	..	2.3	7.1	8.8
113	37	Pye Hldgs	110	+3	4.4a	4.0	8.2
36	23	Pyke W. J	31	..	..	..	..
42	33	Pyramid Grp	39	..	3.3	8.5	7.8
22¾	14¾	Quaker Oats	£15¾	+¼	50.7	3.9	9.1
30	6½	Queens Moat	30	..	..	..	50.8
37	21	Quick H. J.	35	..	2.5	7.1	6.1
77	31	R F.D Group	70½	..	2.2	3.1	6.5
62	27	RKT Textiles	62	..	6.6	10.6	7.3
290	111	Racal Elect	295	+3	5.8	2.9	18.6
19	12	Raine Eng	16	..	1.3	8.3	7.9
20	9	Ransom Grp	19	..	..	..	..
278	140	Rank Org Ord	294	+10	10.9	4.1	17.4
59½	39½	RHM	48	..	5.0	10.4	8.1
66	50	RHP	65	..	5.8	9.0	8.5
172	96	Ransomes Sims	125	..	12.0	9.6	7.1
58	29½	Ratcliffe F S.	58	..	7.1	12.3	5.7
39	18¾	Ratners	90	-3	0.9	1.0	9.2
78	35	Raybeck Ltd	70	..	4.6	6.5	12.3
39½	29½	Readicut Int	33½	+½	2.2	6.3	7.4
117	72	RMC	132	+1	8.8	6.3	9.7
510	330	Reckitt & Colman	440	+7	15.3	3.5	9.4
88	58	Record Ridgway	86	..	6.8a	7.9	7.2
372	58	Redfearn Nat	358	..	21.0	7.5	4.3
97	64	Rediffusion	92	..	6.3	7.1	11.7
161	88	Redland	144	..	8.3	4.4	10.0
62	30	Redman Heenan	56	-1½	2.8	4.9	3.0
63	23	Reed & Smith	61	h ..	3.2	5.2	..
100	32	Reed A.	88	-2	4.1	4.7	10.4
97	32	Do A NV	87	-1	3.9	4.5	10.3
238	119	Reed Int	135	+5	19.7	14.6	5.5
21¾	14¾	Reliance Grp	£16½	-½	..	..	8.8
33	13½	Reliance Knit	30	-2	4.4	11.2	3.4
86	44	Rendles Cons	44	-3	9.7	21.9	2.1
164	112	Renold Ltd	122	..	13.1	10.7	5.3
60	35	Rentokil Grp	59	-1	2.3	4.0	13.5
40	17	Renwick Grp	38	-1	.. e	..	25.7
94	66	Revertex	86	..	7.4	8.6	5.5
65	37	Rexmore	59	+1	6.5	11.1	4.8
136	35¾	Ricardo Eng	136	-1	4.0	2.9	10.2
77	37	Richards & Wall	75	..	6.2	8.2	9.2
22	14½	Rich'n-Merrell	£14½	+½	51.8	3.5	10.6
64	35	Richardsons W.	54	..	6.2	11.5	6.5
143	71½	Rockware Grp	139	+5	8.0	5.8	6.2
78	55	Rolls-R Motors	65	..	6.5	10.0	6.6
52½	25	Ropner Hldgs	46	..	3.2	7.0	5.5
49	24½	Do A	45	..	3.2	7.2	5.3
13½	4½	Rosgill Hldgs	11½	..	.. e	..	..
55	30	Rotaflex	52	+1	2.5	4.7	9.8
49	22	Rotaprint	49	-3	4.2	8.6	8.1
56	32	Rothmns Int 'B'	50	..	3.1	6.2	3.1
161	89	Rotork Ltd	116	..	3.4	2.9	5.8
152	65	Routledge & K	152	..	5.6	3.7	11.6
87	40	Rowlinson Con	87	..	3.4	4.0	4.4
430	202	Rowntree Mac	407	-3	11.5	2.8	11.0
162	66	Rowton Hotels	152	..	9.0	5.9	17.8
142	84	Royal Worcs	127	..	9.0	7.1	8.7
34½	14	Royco Grp	34½	+1	0.8	2.2	..
40	16	Ruberoid	32	..	3.1	9.7	10.0
90	46	Rugby Cement	85	..	5.0	5.9	10.3
61	33	Do NV	58	+1	4.2	7.7	15.5
154	58	SGB Grp	152	..	7.7	5.0	14.3
19	7¾	SKF 'B'	£7¾	-½	47.9	6.2	3.9
102	52	Saatchi	93	..	.. n	..	4.6
37½	26½	Sabah Timber	37½	+½	2.3	6.2	3.7
255	130	Sainsbury J.	200	-2	9.6	4.3	12.7
20¾	16	St Gobain	£18	-½	63.7	4.0	7.6
230	113¾	Sale Tilney	210	..	15.5	7.4	7.0
274	116	Samuel H.	274	..	11.5	4.2	13.5
267	113	Do A	265	+1	11.5	4.3	13.0
64	41	Sanderson Kay	60	..	6.2	10.3	8.8
39	20	Sanderson Mur	34	-2	4.7	13.8	3.6
36	40	Sanger J. E.	34	..	6.9	12.5	10.0
119	77	Sangers	79	..	8.8	11.1	6.1
72	33	Savoy Hotel 'A'	66	..	1.5	2.3	15.7
116	69	Scapa Grp	114	+1	8.3a	7.2	4.9
297	193	Scholes G. H.	297	-2	25.1	8.5	14.0
87	41	Scoterus	87	..	4.6	5.3	8.5
82	14	S.E.E.T.	62	+1	2.5	4.0	4.0
36	18½	Scot Heritable	36	+1	2.0a	5.4	4.6
63	25	Scottish TV 'A'	63	..	3.4	5.3	3.2
98	55	Scot Univ Inv	99	+2	7.9	7.9	15.2
70½	32½	Sears Hldgs	65½	+½	3.6	5.4	16.4
66	48	Securicor Grp	60	..	1.8	3.0	10.9
65	40	Do NV	58	..	1.8	3.1	10.5
65	46	Security Serv	66	..	2.9	4.2	10.2
68	40	Do A	65	..	2.9	4.2	10.2
20	11½	Sekers Int	19	..	2.1b	11.1	10.6
26½	10¾	Selincourt	25½	..	1.9	7.0	5.0
27	18	Senior Eng	24½	+1	1.8	7.2	8.4
126	44	Serck	96½	● -1½	9.0	9.3	8.0
38½	25	Shakespeare J.	32½	..	2.7	6.9	6.9
27½	13	Shaw Carpets	24	..	.. e	..	..
101	55	Sheepbridge	80	+1	6.4	8.1	10.2
10	3½	Sherman S.	9½	-½	..	..	..
106	62	Sidlaw Ind	97	..	8.3	8.5	13.2
185	113	Siebe Gorman	173	● ..	8.0	4.6	9.6
64	30	Siemssen Hunt	63	..	4.2	6.7	9.5
175	152	Signode 7½% Cn	£160	..	700	4.4	..
250	139	Simon Eng	215	+1	11.1	5.2	7.0
95	36	Simpson S.	86	..	5.8	6.7	7.0
92	36	Do A	84	..	5.8	6.9	6.8
57	31	Sirdar	53	-1	4.2	8.0	4.0
83	54	600 Group	71	..	5.9	8.3	7.1
108	35	Sketchley	107½	-½	7.0	6.5	12.6
27	19	Small & Tidmas	23	..	3.1	13.4	..
17	10	Smallshaw R.	17	..	1.5	9.1	4.7
47	21½	Smart J.	47	+1	5.5	11.7	5.6
99	28	Smith D. S.	94	+1	3.6	3.9	8.1
67	39½	Smith & Neph	66½	..	3.5	5.2	14.1
165	67¾	Smith W. H. 'A'	162	+1	3.1	1.9	18.2
182	120	Smiths Ind	165	+2	11.0	6.7	7.5
206	84½	Smurfit	205	+3	9.2	4.5	17.5
26	15	Sobranie	23	● +1	2.5	11.0	9.4
25	15	Do NV	22	● +1	2.5	11.5	9.0
60	42	Solicitors Law	54	..	5.9	10.7	10.5
213	156	Sotheby P. B.	213	+1	12.7	6.0	9.5
172	113	Spear & Jackson	120	..	14.2	11.8	12.0
240	100	Spear J. W.	240	..	2.8	1.2	8.3
30	14	Spencer Gears	30	..	1.7	5.5	8.2
49	21¾	Spencer G.	48	-1	3.4	7.1	28.2
39½	25	Spillers	31½	..	4.2	13.5	6.9
290	140	Spirax-Sarco	250	-2	13.5	5.2	10.2
59	27	Spooner Ind	52	..	4.0	7.7	5.5
154	66	Staffs Potts	154	+2	5.4	3.5	7.5
49	12	Staflex Int	30	..	.. e	..	2.8
97	40½	Stag Furniture	97	+1	7.3	7.5	5.2
142	64	Stanley A. G.	138	..	5.0	5.8	17.5
280	163	Staveley Ind	232	+1	13.2	5.7	7.9
360	204½	Steel Bros	360	..	17.8b	5.0	10.3
254	138	Steetley Co	185	+3	9.3	4.5	8.8
15	9	Steinberg	14	+1	1.3	9.4	16.1
50	35	Stew't & Ll 6%	40	-2	..	..	..
79	27	Stocklake Hldgs	77	-1	3.9	5.1	4.2
170	83	Stocks J. & Son	170	..	5.9	3.4	8.3
94	60¾	Stonehill	90	+3	9.1b	10.2	8.4
146	93	Stone Platt	111	-2	5.5	5.0	..
174	98	Stothert & Pitt	152	+2	14.5	9.5	6.8
43½	28	Streeters	34	..	2.6	7.6	6.1
87	56	Strong & Fisher	70	..	6.4	9.1	4.1
27	11	Sunbeam W'sey	27	+4	2.6	9.7	6.8
47	28	Sutcliffe S'man	37	● +1	3.6	9.8	5.9
161	40	Swan Hunter	154	..	10.3	6.7	12.7
150	71	Swire Pacific 'A'	71	..	..	..	..
20	9	Symonds Eng	17	..	1.8	10.9	10.1

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
26	9	Tace	23	..	0.9a	3.3	6.8
812	620	Takeda Bdr	685	+5	16.8	2.5	21.9
230	128	Tarmac Ltd	141	-1	13.4	9.5	7.9
230	158	Tate & Lyle	214	+2	19.5	9.1	4.1
139	93	Tavener R'tlge	121	..	[illegible]	7.3	7.2
79	43	Taylor Pallis	79	..	6.8	8.6	7.7
504	244	Taylor Woodrow	412	..	10.7	2.6	9.9
120	45	Tecalemit	114	..	5.5	4.8	4.8
42	18	Telefusion	39	+2	1.8	4.7	6.3
41	17	Do A	37	+2	1.8	4.9	6.1
142	84	Telephone Rent	126	-1	8.3	6.5	11.1
52½	33	Tesco	47	+2	2.3	4.8	10.8
33	11	Textured Jersey	29	-1	..	..	56.0
139	91	Thermal Synd	134	-1	10.3	7.7	10.2
763	365	Thomson Org	710	-5	9.0	1.3	75.8
450	196¾	Thorn Electric	390	+6	10.1	2.6	10.6
12½	6½	Thurgar Bardex	12	..	0.9	7.8	16.0
530	405	Tiger Oats	450	-20	31.7	7.0	4.0
254	184	Tilbury Cont	254	..	27.2	10.7	3.5
122	64½	Tilling T.	111	+1	6.5	5.9	9.7
129	42	Time Products	118	..	2.4	2.0	10.1
12	8	Titaghur Jute	12	..	..	..	..
19½	10	Tomkins F. H.	17½	+½	1.3	7.6	6.1
51½	31	Tootal	47½	..	3.9	7.9	10.7
36	16	Toye	36	..	1.3	3.5	21.4
50	32½	Tozer Kemsley	47	..	4.6	9.8	5.7
166	95	Trafalgar H Ltd	166	..	7.9	4.7	10.3
82	48	Trans Paper	73½	+1½	6.7	9.2	5.9
73	48	Transport Dev	70	..	4.5	6.4	12.6
5	2	Tranwood Grp	4½	..	2.5	55.6	1.1
148	77	Travis & Arnold	146	+6	5.3	3.6	8.0
57	25	Tricoville	57	+7	2.6	4.6	5.2
50	31½	Trident TV 'A'	55	+1	4.3	7.8	7.0
89	50	Triplex Foundd	79	..	6.6	8.4	6.2
201	114	Trust Hse Forte	196	..	12.1	6.1	17.0
431	311½	Tube Invest	394	+5	31.8	8.1	5.4
267	137	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	271	+2	15.3	5.7	10.1
11½	7	Turner Curzon	10½	● +½	1.1	10.6	6.5
253	130	Turner Newall	221	+6	14.4	6.5	10.8
128	53	Turner Mfg	103	-1	6.1	6.0	8.0
72	27	Turriff	66	..	3.2	5.0	7.4
79	31	UBM Grp	73	+1	6.4	8.5	20.1
99	54	UDS Grp	97	..	7.4	7.5	15.9
192	143	UKO Int	187	..	12.5	7.5	9.1
103	65	Unicorn Ind	87	..	5.2	6.5	9.8
57½	42	Unigate	57	+2	4.5	8.5	8.1
506	412	Unilever	546	+4	15.9	3.5	6.8
20¾	20¾	Do NV	£20	..	116	5.1	9.0
102	55	Unitech	90	..	5.0	6.2	12.3
177	130½	Utd Biscuit	167	..	8.2	4.9	9.4
53½	21¾	Utd City Merc	54	..	1.1	2.1	6.5
32	20	Utd Eng	31	..	3.4	10.9	8.5
63	31¾	Utd Gas Ind	53	● ..	5.5	10.4	8.6
330	198	Utd News	328	..	16.7	6.0	10.1
292	81¾	Utd Scientific	290	● ..	9.1	3.1	17.1
42	39	Valor	40	..	3.0	7.1	7.0
119	78	Vantona	119	+5	7.5	6.3	6.2
125	95	Vereeniging Ref	99	-5	17.8	18.0	2.1
19¾	9¾	Vetco	£17¾	f ..	11.6	0.7	..
186	84	Vibroplant	162	-4	14.6	9.0	11.9
242	144	Vickers	195	-10	17.8	9.1	4.8
49½	26	Vita-Tex	48	..	4.9	10.3	7.0
149	71	Vosper	141	+1	6.0b	4.9	2.4
73	37	W Ribbons	72	..	5.0	6.9	6.8
92	70	WGI	86	..	8.8	10.2	19.4
292	111	Waddington J	233	● ..	17.0	7.6	5.0
29	18	Wade Potteries	25	..	2.0	7.8	5.5
117	70	Wadkin	110	..	8.0	7.1	8.2
125	93	Wagon Ind	118	..	11.2b	9.5	8.7
17½	10	Walker & Homer	13	..	1.1	10.5	3.8
130	70½	Walker C & W	120	..	8.1	7.4	6.5
107	32	Walker J. Gold	99	..	3.2	3.7	7.8
102	32	Do NV	98	-2	3.2	3.4	7.1
117	59½	Ward & Gold	105	..	6.2	5.9	7.5
60	30½	Ward T. W.	60	+1	6.2	10.4	4.2
20½	13	Wardle B	19½	..	1.9	10.0	9.2
89¾	41½	Waring & Gillow	89	● ..	4.9	5.5	9.1
46	29½	Warne Wright	45	..	4.0	9.8	4.6
90	44	Warren J	65	f ..	.. e	..	..
38	19¾	Warrington T.	35	..	4.7	13.5	18.7
49	21¾	Waterford Glass	40	..	1.8	3.7	15.6
85	30	Watmoughs	85	+5	7.8	4.4	8.4
70	36	Watson & Philip	67	+2	3.5	5.1	12.5
175	107½	Watts Blake	153	..	6.4b	4.2	7.7
18	10½	Wearwell	17	-1	..	..	3.6
150	71½	Weir Grp	118	+2	8.0	6.8	5.0
21½	9	Wellco Hldgs	20½	+½	0.8	3.5	3.6
50	31	Wellman Eng	50	+1	3.3	6.6	9.0
44	22	Westbrick Pds	40	..	2.2	7.2	7.1
57	29	Westinghse Brke	40½	..	3.1a	6.6	8.3
99½	41	Westland Air	46½	+2	4.9	10.5	3.5
9	3	Westminster Inv	8	f ..	.. e	..	..
38	15	Wharf Mill	21	..	2.2	9.3	10.8
54	25	Whatlings	44	..	3.7	8.4	5.9
240	139	Wh'sheaf Dist	155	+2	11.4	7.7	8.5
59½	20	Whitlock Mar	29	..	..	..	..
107	51	Whessoe	89	..	7.0	7.8	4.0
14	8	Whewway Watson	14	+1	1.3	9.4	6.4
54	41	White Child	48	..	6.8	8.3	6.6
195	129	Whitecroft	177	..	20.0	11.3	3.8
54	38	Whiteley BSW	43	..	0.3e	1.8	18.0
135	58	Wholesale Ftt	125	..	8.0	6.4	7.3
153	93	Wigfall H.	150	..	7.5	5.0	8.1
24	11	Wiggins Constr	23	..	2.4	10.3	7.3
114	55	Wight Cons	113	..	10.2	8.9	9.0
212	129	Wilkins'n Match	212	+3	11.2	5.2	11.5
102½	79	Do 10% Conv	£102½	+½	1000	9.8	..
41	25½	Wills J. Cardiff	41	..	4.2	10.2	5.4
48	25	Wills G & Sons	43	+1	1.5	4.5	3.1
91½	51	Wilmot Breeden	61	+½	7.2	11.4	4.5
36½	17¾	Wilson Bros	28½	..	2.1	8.0	8.7
91	28	Wimpey G	54	+1	0.9	1.6	11.2
45	24	Wina Ind	35½	..	4.0	10.7	3.8
43	28½	Witter T	41	+1	4.4	10.7	3.7
184	92	Wolsey Hughes	184	..	10.2	5.5	8.0
24	12	Wood & Sons	20	+1	0.9	3.9	4.9
45	30	Wood S. W.	42	..	2.9	11.0	..
94	61	Wood Hall Trt	61	..	7.7	7.0	8.5
254	97	Woodhead J	218	-1	10.5	4.8	6.9
52	26	Wolf'ne Hlson	50½	+1	3.5	10.9	8.4
88	49	Woolworth	61½	..	6.0	9.3	13.1
27	15	Wrighton F.	21	..	1.7	8.0	7.4
294	140	Yarrow & Co	284	..	7.0	2.5	8.7
75	23¾	York Trailer	60	-1	3.3	4.7	7.2
90	42	Youghal C'pts	59	+2	7.2	12.1	6.0
30	21	Zetters	49	..	1.6	3.6	11.7

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
295	175	Akroyd & Sm	250	..	25.4	11.0	3.6
349	200	Assam Trdng 'B'	290	..	3.5	1.2	3.2
30	17	Boustead	27	..	2.3	8.4	7.5
24	8	Brit Arrow	24	-½	..	..	..
114	71	BET Dfd	114	+1	7.8	6.9	8.6
163	102	Challenge Corp	110	..	7.0	6.4	5.9
65	42	Charterhse Grp	65	+1	5.1	7.8	11.2
37½	27¾	C Fin de Suez	£27¾	-1½	..	..	..
345	215	Daily Mail Tst	345	● +5	19.2	5.3	21.6
340	210	Do A	340	● +3	18.2	5.4	21.3
243	195	Dalgety	236	-2	17.7	7.5	8.2
34	13	Dawnay Day	30	+1	1.5	5.1	11.7
23	13	Edin Ind Hldgs	16	-½	0.2n	0.9	38.4
113	70	Electra Inv	105	-1	6.5	6.2	22.4
37	15	Exploration	36	..	0.8	2.9	11.0
83	27	FC Finance	93	..	2.3	2.7	22.9
31	14	Goode D & M Grp	23	..	1.2	5.3	..
427	293¾	Inchcape	373	..	15.4	4.1	8.6
129	60	Lloyds & Scot	110	● +1	6.0	5.4	14.6
17	6	Ldn & Euro Grp	17	..	..	..	..
120	61	M&G Grp Hldgs	107	..	5.0	4.6	11.3
54	26	Manson Fin	49	+2	4.2	8.5	17.0
76	47	Martin R. P.	73	..	9.1	12.5	11.1
98	40	Prop Inv & Fin	80	..	6.1b	7.6	18.8
119	61	Prov Fin Grp	100	..	6.9	6.9	11.4
120	93	Sime Darby	93	..	4.2	4.5	6.3
60	37	Smith Bros	59	..	6.3	11.4	12.7
750	675	Tyndall O'seas	677	..	46.4	6.9	..
55	14	Utd Dom Tst	45	+1	.. e	..	32.5
117	43½	Wagon Fin	93	+1	6.3b	6.7	12.2
79	30	Yule Catto	72	-2	2.0	2.8	13.5

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
131	65	Bowring	119	-3	4.2	3.6	..
58	30	Brentnall Beard	56	● ..	1.9	3.4	10.4
144	112	Britannic	165	-3	12.5	7.6	..
172	102½	Com Union	154	..	11.6	7.4	..
190	107	Eagle Star	164	+5	9.3	5.7	..
194	114	Equity & Law	176	+4	9.4	5.3	..
284	161	Gen Accident	250	+6	12.6b	5.0	..
294	175	Guardian Royal	258	-2	14.5	5.6	..
297	185	Hambro Life	297	-17	24.1	8.1	..
270	136¾	Heath C. E.	292	-5	7.5	2.9	12.1
201	125	Hogg Robinson	175	..	9.4	4.8	9.8
201	127	Howden A.	187	+3	8.0	4.8	10.3
184	108	Legal & Gen	178	+3	8.0	4.6	..
117	91	Leslie & Godwin	97	..	6.4	6.6	11.0
150	90	London & Man	132	+2	8.2	6.2	..
150	57	Ldn Utd Inv	150	..	5.8	3.9	12.5
246	137	Matthews W'son	207	-12	13.9	6.7	9.2
193	100	Minet Hldgs	182	+2	4.9	2.9	14.0
79	43	Moran C.	66	..	5.0a	7.6	7.3
292	182	Pearl	252	-4	17.3	6.8	..
322	155	Phoenix	268	-4	14.9	5.2	..
130	100	Prov Life 'A'	126	..	11.8	9.3	..
150	100	Do A Br	124	..	11.8	9.5	..
125	100	Do B	124	..	11.8	9.5	..
125	100	Do B Br	124	..	11.8	9.5	..
190	116	Prudential	170	-7	9.5	5.6	..
152	94	Refuge	140	..	10.3	7.5	..
490	290	Royal	423	+8	23.6	5.5	..
396	224	Sedg. Forbes	345	+5	14.5	4.2	14.9
111	79	Stenhouse	104	-1	6.1	5.9	9.0
662	395	Sun Alliance	603	+10	30.5	5.1	..
117	68	Sun Life	106	-3	4.7	4.5	..
175	112	Trade Indem'ty	165	..	12.0	7.3	..
310	195	Willis Faber	292	+2	11.9	4.2	14.5

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
142	101	Aberdeen Trst	136½	..	7.1	5.2	26.5
224	166	Alliance Trust	213	..	9.6n	4.4	29.9
49	31½	Amer Trust	42½	-1	1.9b	4.3	39.0
109	74	Ang-Amer Secs	96	-1	4.1	4.3	32.6
52	32	Anglo Int Inv	42	+½	4.4	9.0	17.2
137	87	Do Ass	127	-2	..	..	..
44½	31	Anglo Scot	42½	-½	2.4	5.7	27.6
132½	92½	Ashdown Inv	129½	-1	5.5	4.3	36.0
53	35	ABC Regional	51	-½	0.8	1.5	82.0
90½	49	Atlantic Assets	87½	-½	0.6	0.7	..
62	40	Atlas Electric	59½	-½	2.4	4.1	34.3
61½	39½	Bankers Inv	56	● ..	3.5b	6.2	23.1
56	40	Berry Trust	55	-1	1.3	2.4	80.4
294½	208½	Border & Stern	294½	-1	11.4	3.9	35.8
41½	30	Brit Am & Gen	40	-½	2.3	5.8	27.0
71½	49	Brit Assets Tst	67½	-1	3.3	4.9	28.8
12	7½	Brit Emp Sec	12	..	0.9	7.6	17.1
165	116	Brit Invest	152½	h -1	6.9	4.5	35.0
147½	102½	Broadstone	144½	-1	7.2	5.0	30.1
96½	63	Brunner	95½	-1	5.4	5.6	26.7
76	42	Brycourt Inv	75	-1	3.3	4.3	23.7
66	43	CLRP Inv	65	-1	2.9	4.4	27.4
260	167	Caledonia Inv	255	-1	12.8	5.0	28.1
75½	56	Caledonian Tst	68	-1½	2.6	3.8	44.4
69½	55	Do B	68½	..	..	..	..
124½	91	Capital & Natl	120½	-2	6.1	5.0	..
117½	84½	Do B	115½	-2	..	..	..
107½	73	Cardinal 'Dfd'	103½	-3	5.1	4.9	..
113½	83½	Carliol Inv	111½	-1	5.7	5.1	29.5
97	66	Cedar Inv	86	-1	3.5	5.7	25.0
75	40	Charter Trust	55	..	3.3	5.9	24.3
69½	44	Clydesdale Inv	66½	..	2.7	4.0	42.6
68	40	Do B	63½	..	..	..	..
11½	8½	Common Mkt	£11½	..	20.5g	1.8	..
200½	152½	Cont & Ind	196½	● -4	9.1	4.6	33.9
126½	102	Crescent Japan	124	..	..	..	..
82	48	Crossfriars	79	..	5.1	6.4	23.6
27½	18	Cumulus	27½	..	1.2	4.4	34.4
100	80	Delta Inv	90	..	..	..	..
202	132	Derby Tst 'Inc'	202	+2	20.0	9.9	19.7
170	96	Do Cap	164	..	..	..	..
135	100	Drayton Com	130	-2	6.2	4.7	24.4
138	115	Drayton Cons	142	-1	7.1	5.0	26.8
185	150	Do Premier	190	-3	9.2	4.9	29.5
65	40	Dundee & Ldn	61	● ..	3.5	5.7	25.7
[illegible]	115	Edin & Dundee	162	h ..	5.3b	3.3	..
99½	65	Edin Amer Ass	95	..	1.4	1.5	90.5
229	161	Edinburgh Inv	225	-1½	9.6b	4.2	39.0
77½	50	Elec & Gen	64½	● -1	2.2b	3.4	40.1
92½	62	Eng & Int	86½	-2	5.3	6.0	23.8
78	54½	Eng & N York	73½	-1½	3.8b	5.2	31.3
256	171¾	Estate Duties	256	+2	11.2	4.1	32.8
91	69	First Scot Am	89	..	4.3	4.9	32.2
171	117	Foreign & Coml	149½	..	4.4	2.9	51.7
120	101	Gt Japan Inv	102	..	1.5	1.5	49.3
139½	100	Gen Funds 'Ord'	137½	..	6.3	4.6	42.0
117½	[illegible]	Do Conv	110½	..	..	..	..
84	[illegible]	Gen Inv & Tsts	80	-1	5.2	5.0	30.1
[illegible]	65	Gen Scottish	81½	..	4.6	5.7	26.5
[illegible]	64	Glendevon	85½	-½	2.6	3.0	60.2
129½	71	Globe Trust	110	-2	6.2b	5.6	24.7
76	49	Grange Trust	74	..	2.9	3.9	34.9
110	[illegible]	Great Northern	105½	..	5.4	5.1	29.9
86	61½	Greenfriar	78	..	1.8b	2.3	44.8
50	30	Gresham Hse	46	..	4.6	9.9	10.9
84½	57	Guardian	80½	..	3.6	4.4	33.7
94	61	Hambros	87	-1	5.1	5.8	26.7
94	70	Harcros	94	+2	2.9	3.4	48.5
160½	122	Hill P. Inv	151	-3	10.3b	3.8	25.7
79	42	Hume Hldgs A	76	-1	5.6	7.4	19.2
53¾	38½	Indus & General	51½	..	2.2	4.2	33.1
76	52	Internat Inv	73	..	3.6b	4.7	27.7
132	98½	Invest in Suc	130	..	4.1	3.4	58.6
206	162	Inv Tst Corp	198	-4	9.2	4.7	32.0
75	59½	Inv Cap Trst	71	-1	1.9b	2.7	57.3
122½	112	Jardine Japan	114	-1	1.1	0.9	..
143	107	Jersey Ext	120	-2	..	..	..
90	66	Lake View Inv	84	-½	3.3	3.9	37.1
101	68	Law Deb Corp	101	..	5.2	5.1	24.3
111	91	Ldn & Holyrood	110	..	5.0	4.5	34.2
151	110	Ldn & Montrose	148	..	5.0	4.5	33.0
101	[illegible]	Ldn & Prov Tst	105	-1	4.7	4.4	34.2
92	74	Ldn Merch Sec	92	..	2.1	2.3	..
96	31	Do Cap	66	-½	..	..	..
71	44	Ldn Pru Invest	71	..	4.2b	5.9	25.7
193	125	Ldn Trst	185	-3	12.7b	6.9	..
79½	26	Merchants Inv	71½	..	1.5	4.7	..
77½	55	Merchants Trust	59	-½	3.6b	5.8	30.4
50	40½	Monks Inv	47½	..	2.1	4.5	32.7
65	47	Moorgate Inv	59	● -2	4.0	5.5	24.7
22	11½	New Throg Inc	21	..	2.4	11.3	15.4
123	21	Do Cap	50	..	..	..	..
91	74½	North Atlantic	59	-2½	4.1	4.6	30.0
100	71	Northern Amer	96½	-2	4.3	4.5	24.0
101	64	Northern Sec	100	-1	5.0b	5.0	28.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Oil & Associated	40	..	2.0	5.0	20.0
117	[illegible]	Pentland	117	..	5.2	4.4	30.6
75	[illegible]	Progressive Sec	71	..	4.0	5.6	26.0
127	[illegible]	Raeburn	129	-4	5.2	4.4	32.0
177	105	River & Merc	160	..	11.2	7.0	21.5
144	[illegible]	River Plate	140	..	5.2	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Romney Trust	85	-2½	3.7	4.4	35.1
187	116½	Rothschild	177	-3	9.5	4.5	29.0
71	44	Safeguard	76	-1	3.5	7.5	17.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scot Amer	47½	..	3.2b	7.0	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scot & Cont Inv	48½	..	2.0	4.3	25.3
122	102	Scot & Merc 'A'	121	..	4.6	3.9	36.5
135	102½	Scot Eastern	127½	-1	5.7b	4.5	31.6
78½	55	Scot European	76½	..	2.9	4.1	27.4
98½	80	Scot Invest	94	-½	2.9	4.1	35.2
118½	80½	Scot Mortgage	107	-2	4.6b	4.3	33.6
155½	111	Scot National	143½	-2	5.2	3.7	37.1
100	70	Scot Northern	86	..	4.2	4.9	29.0
67½	52	Scot United	61½	-1	3.0	4.7	32.6
85½	50	Scot Western	84	-½	3.2	3.8	40.9
86½	60½	Do B	81	..	..	..	..
141½	111	Sec Alliance	135	..	5.9	4.4	30.0
79½	61½	Sec Gt Northern	77	-½	2.9	3.7	40.7
79½	58	Do B	77½	..	..	..	42.0
174	132	Sterling Trust	160	-1	7.5	4.5	35.3
94½	67½	Stockholders	91	-1	3.1	3.4	42.3
104	82	Throg Sec Cap	94	..	..	..	..
71	42½	Throgmortn Trust	72	-1	4.2	5.6	26.9
675	540	Tribune Inv	610	-15	18.5b	3.0	39.9
67½	10½	Triplevest 'Inc'	63	-½	6.4	10.1	16.0
170	93	Do Cap	152	-2	..	..	..
135	92	Trustees Corp	134	● -1	6.4	4.7	31.3
111	87½	Tyneside Inv	99	h +1	4.7b	5.2	29.6
128	95	Utd Brit Secs	123	● -4	6.4	5.2	30.9
95	74½	Utd States Deb	87½	-2	4.0	5.1	27.2
220	142	Utd States Gen	140	-2	6.6	3.2	46.7
168	99½	Viking Res	95½	-1	1.4	1.1	85.3
194	110	Winterbottom Trst	176	..	7.0	2.4	38.6
86	63	Witan Inv	78½	-2	3.2b	7.1	..
81	61	Do B	76	-2	0.1	0.1	..
172	111	Yeoman Tst	165	-2	20.5b	6.2	24.7
29	17	Yorks & Lancs	55	..	2.7b	7.3	20.3
29	20	Young Co Inv	26	..	3.0b	6.6	22.2

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
321	215	Brit & Comm	266	+2	16.0	4.5	9.9
172	53	Fisher J	170	..	2.2	1.2	11.8
375	207	Furness Withy	244	-1½	12.9	3.5	8.9
295	140	Hunting Gibson	235	..	16.1	7.0	3.2
34¾	24½	Jacobs J. I.	30½	..	2.5	7.6	11.0
47½	22½	Ldn & O'seas Fr	37½	..	5.1	13.6	..
270	215	Manch Liners	252	..	7.6	3.0	30.3
150	112½	Ocean Trans	154	+2	11.4	7.5	3.7
172	110	P & O Dfd	114	..	9.6	8.2	9.1
124	106	Runciman W	104	..	12.6	12.1	7.5

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
520	370	Anglo Am Coal	450	..	27.0	6.0	..
322	195	Anglo Am Corp	246	-2	20.0g	8.3	..
17½	13¾	Ang Am Gold	£17¾	-¼	107	7.6	..
27½	20	Anglo Am Inv	£25¾	● -½	393	20.1	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Anglo Transvl	£30¾	● ..	161	5.3	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do A	[illegible]	● ..	161	10.6	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	22.9	5.3	..
397	205	MCF Bisom	205	..	97.1	47.3	..
79	26	Blyvoor	55	..	6.2	13.4	..
417	248	Blyvoor	256	● -11	33.5	13.1	..
36	19	Botswana R. T	18	..	..	..	..
98	55	Bracken Mines	58½	-2½	16.5	27.3	..
127	70	Bri Sadle	72	+2	.. e	..	..
16¾	7¾	Buffelsfontein	£8¾	● -¼	94.5	11.5	..
171	100	Charter Cons	129	-1	12.2	9.4	..
229½	136	Cons Gold Fields	173	-7	11.7	6.7	..
311	188	De Beers 'Dfd'	285	-6	23.4	9.3	..
328	145	Doornfontein	230	● -19	18.7	8.1	..
344	132	Durban Rood	288	+30	.. e	..	..
35	9	East Dagga	21	● -1	..	..	..
735	425	E Driefontein	592	● -22	48.5	8.2	..
477	177	E Rand Prop	316	-17	.. e	..	..
59	28	El Oro M & Ex	58	..	1.5	2.6	..
140	64	Elsburg Gold	102	-6	5.4	5.2	..
14¾	8¾	F S Geduld	£12¾	-¾	158	13.0	..
570	217	Geevor Tin	460	..	27.4	5.9	..
17½	12	Gen Mining	£14	-¼	139	9.9	..
325	185	Gopeng Cons	260	..	21.2	8.2	..
136	52	Grootvlei	128	-8	11.9	9.3	..
310	170	Hamersley	175	..	..	..	..
112	77	Hampton Gold	82	..	2.2	2.7	..
469	235	Harmony	323	-26	33.0	10.2	..
13½	7¾	Hartebeest	£8¾	● -¼	91.2	10.2	..
15	10¾	Jo'burg Cons	£10¾	● -½	104	10.2	..
342	200	Kinross	253	-27	22.4	7.9	..
578	290	Kloof	421	● -22	18.7	4.4	..
47	20	Leslie	36	-3	2.0	5.5	..
544	175	Libanon	444	● -27	49.7	11.2	..
76	42	Lydenburg Plat	55	-1	1.7	3.1	..
242	136	MIM Hldgs	137	..	5.7	4.2	..
65	43	MTD (Mangula)	50	..	12.8	25.6	..
410	220	Malayan Tin	295	..	..	..	..
121	46	Marievale Con	89	● -5	28.8	32.4	..
195	83	Messina Trans	83	-2	19.0	22.8	..
36	10	Metals Explor	16	-1	..	..	..
290	125	Middle Wits	155	● -5	14.2	9.1	..
184	128	Minorco	129	-2	6.9	5.4	..
480	260	Nthgate Explor	265	+6	53.3	20.1	..
28	28	Pahang Cons	28	f ..	3.8	13.4	..
585	345	Peko Wallsend	410	..	..	..	..
10¾	6¾	Pres Brand	£7¾	-¼	85.8	11.3	..
7¾	4½	Pres Steyn	£6	-¼	13.2	2.2	..
160	80	Rand Mine Prop	117	+1	8.9	7.6	..
32¾	19	Randfontein	£22¾	-1¾	221	7.6	..
246	174	Rio Tinto Zinc	184	-4	12.9b	7.6	..
165	52	Rosn Cons 'B'	52	-3	..	..	..
98	60	Rustenburg	74	-2	..	..	..
90	35	Saint Piran	61	● +1	3.0	5.0	..
12¾	6¾	St Helena	£7¾	-¾	73.9	10.8	..
500	370	Selection Tst	400	..	25.3	6.3	..
231	118	Sentrust	163	-2	19.0	11.6	..
97	38	SA Land	57	-4	.. e	..	..
76	59	South Crofty	60	● +1	6.3	10.4	..
510	235	Southvaal	434	● -25	13.1	3.0	..
305	150	Sthn Malayan	235	● ..	18.2	7.1	..
160	57	Sungei Besi	140	..	..	..	..
184	110	Tang Cons	137	..	11.0	8.0	..
103	42	Tanjong Tin	98	..	9.5	9.7	..
260	207¾	Tharsis Sulph	250	..	..	..	..
12¾	9¾	Transvaal Cons	£11	-¼	81.4	5.8	..
200	93	Tronoh Mines	153	..	7.0	4.6	..
230	117	UC Invest	190	-2	20.1	10.6	..
294	165	Union Corp	233	-10	23.8	10.1	..
14¾	8	Vaal Reefs	£10¾	● -¼	77.0	7.1	..
278	70	Ventersport	257	● -21	71.5	27.8	..
42	27	Wankie Colliery	33	-1	7.0	21.2	..
253	118	Welkom	164	-16	23.1	12.5	..
23	13¾	W Driefontein	£16¾	● -¾	174	10.4	..
209	113	W Rand Cons	148	● -4	8.2	5.5	..
221	110	Western Areas	158	-10	8.2	5.2	..
9¾	5¾	Western Deep	£5¾	● -¼	51.3	8.6	..
17	10¾	Western Hldgs	£13¾	-1¾	185	13.7	..
164	92	Western Mining	82	..	3.8	4.1	..
671	380	Winkelhaak	320	-22	36.7	10.9	..
23½	12	Zambia Copper	12½	..	..	..	..

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
68	44	Ampol Pet	62	-3	3.4	5.5	15.1
120	47	Attock	112	f ..	6.5	5.8	25.7
196	129	Brit Borneo	150	+2	9.3	6.2	67.0
960	778	BP	860	-20	33.3	3.9	30.7
83	41	Burmah Oil	54	-3	.. e	..	..
66¾	44½	Century Oils	53	..	3.7	7.0	4.0
34½	18¾	Charterhall	30	+1½	..	..	76.9
18¾	13½	C F Petroles	£13½	..	143	10.6	3.3
44	21	KCA Int	36	-1	0.2	0.4	..
195	182	Lasmo	154	-4	..	..	..
415	265	Do Ops	410	-2	..	..	..
191	54½	Do 14% Ln	£108	..	1400	12.9	..
322	77	Oil Exploration	306	+6	2.9	0.9	50.0
22¾	3	Premier Cons	19½	-3	..	..	..
23¾	14¾	Ranger Oil	£16¾	-¼	..	..	..
3¾	1¾	Reynolds Div	1½	..	..	..	..
50¾	36¾	Royal Dutch	£37	-¼	147	4.0	6.5
632	438	Shell	530	+10	23.8	4.5	6.4
202	104	Tricentrol	177	+5	1.7	1.0	26.0
268	134	Ultramar	234	+10	..	..	11.0
156	81	Do 7% Cnv	133	+2	10.6	8.0	..

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
60¾	29¾	Allied Ldn	54	● ..	2.8	5.2	12.2
228	127	Allnatt Ldn	228	+2	5.9	2.6	30.8
238	114	Apex Props	237	+2	5.7	2.2	40.9
13¾	11	Aquis Secs	19	..	0.9	5.1	22.2
94	48½	Beaumont Prop	93	-1	4.9	5.2	30.5
53	23	Bellway Hldgs	53	+1½	4.0	7.6	..
127	50	Berkeley Hmbro	116	-1	4.0	3.4	..
194	130	Bilton Percy	154	+6	9.4	5.1	23.9
181	116	Do Accum	191	-7	0.3	0.2	..
230	116	Bradford Prop	236	+3	9.9	4.3	9.7
47½	22	British Land	38	+1	.. e	..	..
114	56¾	Brixton Estate	113	..	2.9b	2.5	35.5
50	10	Cap & Counties	50	..	1.5b	3.0	..
315	141	Chesterfield	315	+3	5.5	1.7	46.0
14½	6¾	Chown Secs	14½	..	..	..	..
262	145	Churchbury Est	262	..	6.6	2.5	37.0
63	37¾	City Offices	63	+4	2.5	3.9	27.5
169	114	Corn Exchange	169	+1	2.9	1.7	26.8
27½	17	Country & New T	24	..	1.0	4.2	..
91	35	County & Dist	91	● +1	1.2	1.3	32.5
69	38	Dajan Hldgs	67½	+3	4.5	6.7	..
51½	34	Eng Prop	47	-½	3.5	7.4	16.4
20¾	11	Estates & Gen	20½	..	1.2	5.9	19.0
83	35	Estates Prop	81	-1	1.5	1.9	31.9
200	64	Evans of Leeds	196	-4	3.9	2.0	35.3
326	200	Gt Portland	326	+2	6.0	1.8	39.4
87	53	Guildhall	83	..	3.7	4.4	19.1
595	310	Hammerson 'A'	590	..	7.7	1.3	..
252	152	Haslemere Ests	249	-3	4.6	1.8	40.0
231	142	Land Secs	224	+1	7.3	3.3	65.9
56	29¾	Law Land	49	-1	1.5b	3.1	36.0
93	46½	Ldn & Prov Sh	93	+1	1.1	1.2	48.4
73	41	Ldn Shop	73	..	4.5	6.2	54.5
136	69	Lynton Hldgs	126	+6	3.5	2.8	21.8
130	46	MEPC	129	+1	2.6	2.0	40.3
16	8¾	Marler Estates	16	..	..	..	..
38	15	Midhurst Whites	33	+1½	..	..	..
115	46	Mucklow A & J.	115	..	3.4	2.9	26.2
160	108	Municipal	160	..	7.0	4.4	9.0
93	29	Peachey Prop	53	+1	1.5	1.8	..
315	190	Prop & Rever	315	+3	7.1	2.2	44.9
315	179	Do A	315	+3	7.1	2.2	44.9
345	216	Prop Hldgs	345	+2	6.9	2.0	49.4
135	44	Prop Sec	134	..	2.9	1.9	..
4¾	2	Raglan Prop	4	-½	..	..	..
55	31	Regional	95	..	1.0	1.2	..
77	30	Do A	77	-1½	1.0	1.3	..
109	29	Rush & Tompkins	109	-3	3.9	3.6	13.3
117	39¾	Scot Met Props	117	-1	2.9	2.5	49.0
127	77	Slough Ests	127	..	3.4	2.7	41.1
264	158	Stock Conv	264	..	2.8	1.0	41.1
208	90	Sunley B	205	+12	6.1	2.9	..
15½	5	Town & City	13½	-½	0.0	0.1	..
97	41	Trafford Park	95	-1	5.5	5.7	19.0
21	10¾	UK Props	21	..	.. e	..	19.3
28	7¾	Webb J.	28	+2	0.7	3.7	19.0
16¾	10¾	W'minster & C'ty	13½	..	.. e	..	..

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
50	34	Anglo-Indonesia	73	+4	3.9	4.9	..
32	18	Bradwall FMS	31½	..	1.9	6.1	..
197	92	Castlefield	160	-2	3.0	3.0	..
54	25	Chersonese	53½	-½	3.0	5.5	..
106	74½	Cons Plant	98	+3½	12.0	12.2	..
37	13	Doranakande	37	● +3	2.2a	5.9	..
47	27½	Gadek Malaysia	47	+2	1.0	2.0	..
9¾	5¾	Grand Central	8½	..	0.8	9.3	..
250	155	Guthrie Corp	225	● ..	19.2	8.1	..
69½	45	Harrisons Malay	69½	+½	4.6	6.6	..
66	39½	Highlds & Low	59½	-2	4.7	9.2	..
140	67	Hongkong	140	+2	8.4	6.0	..
290	125	Killinghall	290	..	17.5	5.8	..
34½	22	Kuala Malaysia	29½	-½	2.1	7.1	..
31½	14	Ldn Sumatra	29	-1½	3.1	3.9	..
30	22½	Majedie	39	..	1.0	2.7	..
30	19¾	Malayalam	30	h ..	1.7	5.8	..
[illegible]	12¾	Muar River	32	..	0.7	2.1	..
[illegible]	34	Plant Hldgs	58	..	3.3	5.7	..
1¾	1½	Sungei Krian	£1¾	..	70.9	4.2	..

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
395	147	Assam Frontier	395	h ..	24.6	6.4	..
135	52	Assam Inv	135	..	10.6	10.1	..
240	95	Camellia Inv	197	..	2.8	1.4	..
140	22	Deundi	130	h ..	4.9	3.8	..
250	123	Jokai	215	-3	18.5n	8.6	..
227	120	McLeod Russel	190	..	15.2	8.4	..
410	224	Moran	400	..	22.71	5.7	..
90	15	Surmah Valley	90	..	10.0	11.1	..
201	102	Warren Plant	193	-1	20.0	10.9	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10¾	7¾	Algoma Cen Rly	£7¾	-½	26.0	2.8	14.0
71	40	Calcutta Elec	64	..	13.0	20.3	..
49	42	E Surr W'rks 5%	£19	..	420	10.0	..
39½	31¼	Essex Wtr 3.5%	39½	..	539	13.8	..
143	47	Gt Nthn Tele	149	● ..	193	3.9	31.6
430	342	Imp Cont Gas	365	..	14.2	3.9	14.0
[illegible]	32	Mid Kent Wtr	£37½	..	500	13.3	..
92	46	Milford Docks	73	..	4.1	5.3	8.0
250	110	Nigerian Elec	220	..	17.2	7.8	..
35	21¾	Sunderland Wtr	£38	..	538	14.2	..

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 05.01.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield	Earnings Yield	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial share Index	207.30	6.24	11.75	205.53
Largest Coys	220.21	6.15	11.62	[illegible]
Smaller Coys	197.09	7.02	13.01	[illegible]
Capital Goods	229.91	6.86	11.62	[illegible]
Consumer Goods	202.19	6.70	11.92	[illegible]
Store Shares	197.22	5.95	7.15	[illegible]
Largest financial shares	229.14	5.19	—	224.90
Largest financial and industrial shares	213.21	5.95	—	[illegible]
Commodity shares	200.12	6.05	12.49	203.23
Gold Mining shares	254.25	5.91	19.96	261.15
Industrial debenture stocks	54.14	8.87	—	54.09
Industrial preference stocks	62.16	11.37	—	61.92
3½% War Loan	36¾	9.57*	—	37

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	222.06 (14.09.77)	60.19 (13.12.74)
1978	207.40 (05.01.78)	204.91 (03.01.78)
1977	222.06 (14.09.77)	151.21 (12.01.77)
1976	[illegible]	[illegible]
1975	[illegible]	[illegible]
1974	[illegible]	[illegible]
1973	[illegible]	[illegible]

* Flat interest yield

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Edwardes plan to keep old Mini side by side with bigger version

By Clifford Webb.

Mr Michael Edwardes, British Leyland chairman, wants to produce two versions of the Mini, side by side at Longbridge—the old model and a larger version of its proposed replacement, the ADO88.

No firm decisions have yet been made, but company sources are confident that this latest approach to Leyland's product problems will shortly be approved by the full BL board and the parent National Enterprise Board.

If so, it will represent a victory for the considerable body of opinion within Leyland Cars which has long advocated the two-model approach. It argued that the new generation small cars, the Fiat 127, Renault 5, VW Polo and Ford Fiesta, were so much alike that they had given a new lease of life to the 18-year-old Mini.

All are some 18 inches longer than the present Mini and so similar in appearance that the much smaller box-shaped British car is gaining a certain cachet as something different. Certainly, it has outsold the new Fiesta by two to one, taking 5 per cent of the British market last year.

The ADO88 is about nine inches longer than the existing Mini. Its advocates chose to make it considerably smaller than foreign rivals in an attempt to avoid a head-on clash with cars which would be firmly established by the time it appeared in late 1979 or early 1980. Opponents—now supported by Mr Edwardes—insisted that on the contrary it would fall between two stools and lose its image. This view was vindicated by the results of a clinic—a secret viewing of the prototype displayed alongside its rivals. Motorists were critical of several aspects including appearance and size.

A larger version will mean a complete "reskinning job". Much of the existing research and development work on engines, gear boxes, transmissions and suspension, can be carried forward for the new model.

Even so, the many and complex stages of designing another body would put existing staff and facilities under impossible pressure if the 1979-80 deadline were attempted.

The alternative would be subcontract to a greater extent than ever before.

The two-model programme commends itself from another aspect. With the progressive switch of Allegro production from Longbridge to Leyland's Belgian plant the biggest production complex in the group will soon be totally dependent on one model—the Mini.

Under the two Minis proposal, it would have flexibility to react to market needs by switching emphasis from one model to another.

Union protest: White collar workers yesterday reaffirmed their opposition to British Leyland buying its tooling from foreign suppliers.

Mr John Rowan, a national industrial officer of the Technical, Administrative and Supervisory Staffs section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, said the Tass national negotiating committee had rejected the company's proposal to contract out millions of pounds worth of work, particularly for the Marina.

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Mr Nicholas Coral: complementary to our activities.

Coral makes agreed bid of £52.5m for Pontin's

By Ray Maughan

The expected bidder for Pontin's emerged last night when Coral Leisure Group unveiled an agreed £52.57m offer for the holiday camp and village proprietor.

Coral is offering four of its own shares and 240p in cash for every 17 Pontin's shares. An equivalent offer will be made for the outstanding 7 per cent convertible loan stock 1990-95 as if it had been converted in full. The bid thus values Pontin's at 46p a share taking Coral at 135p—down 7p at the close of business yesterday.

Acceptance of the offer will be worth more than £15m to Sir Fred Pontin, the holiday camp group's chairman and managing director. He said: "I am confident that the business which I have built up over many years will continue to prosper under my management as part of the successful and progressive Coral Leisure Group and I am happy that security of employment for all Pontin's staff will be assured under the terms of this merger."

Mr Nicholas Coral, chairman of Coral, said: "Pontin's is a sound, well-managed company and this merger will give Coral a further significant profit centre complementary to our fast developing leisure activities."

Mr David Spencer, the bidder's finance director, made it clear that the commercial logic of the proposed deal arose from the tie-up of Pontin's with Centre Hotels (Cranston).

He explained that the tour business in Centre is similar to that of Pontin's and pointed out that it was additionally advantageous to have the type of "customer entry" that Pontin's 7,000 beds around the Mediterranean would provide.

He saw a useful marketing tie-up with Centre's provincial hotels and described Pontin's new building and solar panel interests as "useful businesses to acquire". After £7.6m at the halfway stage, Coral is forecasting profits of £18m for the year to December 29. This compares with £10.12m pre-tax in 1976. Pontin's is predicting a profits rise from £6.7m to £7.25m for the year to the end of March which implies an exit p/e of around 15½.

The deal will dilute Coral's earnings by 8·9 per cent and the consideration offered compares with the bidder's present market capitalization of only £76m. But it is a measure of how fast Coral has grown since it paid £16.04m for Centre last spring that it is confident that the £17m cash element of the bid will be covered from its internal resources and unutilized bank facilities. On the profits forecast, cash flows should be running at around £10.5m after payment of a £3m dividend.

Coral has been built on the back of a bookmaking, bingo and casinos business, but the Centre acquisition added not only hotels but the Old Kentucky Restaurant fast food chain.

This latest offer stands to take its diversification efforts a significant stride further and, for the moment at least, Coral has stolen a march on any other potential bidder.

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West Germans and Swiss relieved by decision to support US currency

Bonn pressure behind dollar move

From Peter Norman
Bonn, Jan 5

America's decision to support the dollar was welcomed with relief in West Germany and Switzerland—the two countries most affected by the recent sharp fall of the United States currency on foreign exchange markets.

In Bonn, Dr Hans Apel, the West German Finance Minister, said that the United States action was monetarily necessary and reflected America's special responsibility for international monetary affairs.

In Zurich, Dr Fritz Leutwiler, the president of the Swiss national bank, said that the United States had at last given the foreign exchange market the signal it had been waiting for.

The United States announcement was not entirely unexpected in West Germany. It emerged today that officials from the federal bank in Frankfurt and the Finance Ministry in Bonn had been pressing the Americans to adopt an active intervention policy since the secret meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors from Germany, the United States, Britain and France in Paris at the beginning of December.

Dr Otmar Emminger, the president of the German Federal Bank, disclosed this afternoon that the American decision followed an initiative by Mr Michael Blumenthal, Secretary of the Treasury in Washington, after contacting the German authorities a few days ago.

The Germans are anxious to play down suggestions of bad relations with the Americans. One senior government official in Bonn said: "We have always been as understanding as possible as far as the position of our American friends is concerned. We tried to look at the world from a United States standpoint. We felt that it would have been counterproductive to take a hostile position.

"We realized that it needed time for the facts (about the dollar) to work through into the heads of the Americans."

While others like Dr Leutwiler have spoken of "sheer neglect" of the dollar by the Americans, Dr Apel and Dr Emminger tended to temper remarks expressing concern about the dollar's decline with statements underlining the cooperation between the German and American monetary authorities.

But it is not denied that the dollar's decline could have a serious impact on German industry and the economy. The federal bank's latest monthly report, published today, urges the state, trade unions and employers in Germany to avoid further cost increases and where possible reduce costs to help maintain the competitiveness of German goods on markets at home and abroad.

In Bonn it is not ruled out that pressure from oil exporting countries led by Saudi Arabia and Iran could have helped to push the United States authorities in the direction of intervention.

As one official said: "The Opec states are not our allies; but when it comes to the dollar we do have similar interests."

Japan seeks to assure trading partners over 7 pc growth rate

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, Jan 5

Discounting pessimistic predictions that Japan will continue to suffer from a business recession, Mr Tatsuo Murayama, the Japanese finance minister, claimed today that his government is now confident of achieving an economic growth rate of 7 per cent during the next fiscal year.

Mr Murayama's statement was apparently designed to placate Japan's chief trading partners who had been assured that high economic growth would eliminate, or at least reduce, the country's heavy trade surplus.

Mr Murayama claimed that the official projected growth rate of 7 per cent—an ambitious target under present economic circumstances — would be achieved with the aid of a big reflationary budget, including a 34 per cent record increase on outlays for public works projects.

The assurance came amid widespread scepticism that Japan can or will achieve a high growth rate this year to promote domestic demand, increase imports and help reduce the country's embarrassing trade surplus with the United States and other industrialized trading partners. Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Japanese prime minister, is expected to repeat similar assurances to European trading partners and to Mr Robert Strauss, President Carter's special trade representative, who arrives in Tokyo on Wednesday for crucial trade negotiations.

Mr Strauss, who has already warned Japanese leaders of the growing threat of protectionism in the United States, is expected to ask Japan to start steps to reduce the nation's trade surplus with the United States, a projected $8,000m this year.

A trade surplus of $16,000m with the rest of the world has pushed Japan's foreign exchange reserves up to a record level of $22,848m.

During the past few weeks Mr Fukuda and Japanese leaders have attempted to appease critics with an assurance that a target growth rate of 7 per cent will encourage imports.

However, much to the government's embarrassment, several commercial banks and reputable economic research institutes predict that the growth rate of Japan's gross national product will rise by only 4.6 per cent this year.

For instance, the Nomura Research Institute estimates Japan's growth rate will increase by only 4.6 per cent even if an expansionary budget is implemented. At the same time the Mitsubishi Research Institute is convinced that Japan can, at the maximum, only hope to achieve an inflationary adjusted growth rate of 5.4 per cent.

Mr Murayama said that an outlay of $143,000m on public works projects would provide the economy with a new impetus. He claimed that recent expenditure on public works had already stimulated business activity

Leaders of Japan's worried export industry expressed relief today when the revalued yen fell against the dollar from a post-war record high of 237 yen to the dollar on Wednesday and closed tonight at a level of 241.125 yen.

Offer to United States: Japan will offer to expand further overall import quotas of beef, oranges and citrus juice in an attempt to settle its trade dispute with the United States next week, Government sources said in Tokyo.

Dollar rebounds against all currencies

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In America many experts likely to emerge clearly for some days.

In London officials seemed more convinced than the markets that a genuine turnround would result.

said they expected the improvement to be only temporary and that the gradual decline would continue until the United States economy begins to perform better. They cited the huge trade deficit as a major factor.

This was treated with some scepticism by officials who pointed out that the American action was just what the markets had requested.

It seems clear that the American change of heart over exchange rate policy began in the few days between Christmas and the New Year. The dollar was then driven down extremely sharply by what were thought to be a few speculative deals in a very thin market.

When the drop continued in the post-holiday market the authorities were persuaded that it was time to act.

Speculation, rather than underlying forces, was driving the dollar down and so a demonstration of support would be able to turn the currency round was the reasoning.

Pressure for American action to halt the dollar's slide has been extremely strong from the Germans, Japanese and Swiss. Until late in December Britain had stayed more or less on the sidelines but as the pound soared in the past two weeks British authorities joined the demands for positive American action.

It is no secret in Washington that the pressure was led by the West Germans and no coincidence that the measures focus on the new extra credit line agreed with the Germans.

The United States Treasury has negotiated this in the last few days and will use the unspecified amount of credit arranged with the German Federal bank first when intervening. The intervention will be carried out by the New York Federal Bank which has accounts for the Treasury and the Fed.

The second line of defence for the dollar is to be the Treasury's Exchange Stabilization Fund which totals some $4,700m (about £2,500m). This is the nearest American equivalent to an official reserves fund.

Third, which some believe may never be used, is the existing $20,000m of credit swop lines between the Fed and foreign central banks, including the Bank of England.

Shares have best day for two months

By Alison Mitchell

As the result of United States moves to stabilize the dollar, buyers came back into the London stock market yesterday giving it the best days business for more than two months, pushing the *FT* ordinary share index up 6.7 to 494.5, its highest level since mid-November.

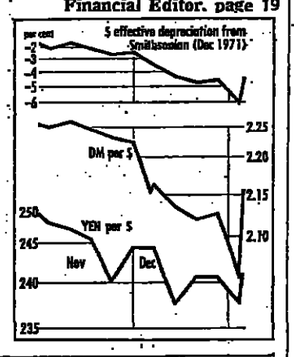
However an easier pound and the prospect of a new "tap" stock today took some of the gloss off gilts. Early losses of up to a full point at the longer end were pulled back, but by the finish "longs" closed about 50p down while losses at the shorter end ranged between one-eighth and one quarter.

The expectation is still for a half-point drop in minimum lending rate this afternoon. The Bank of England yesterday reinforced its signal for continued restraint in interest rate trends but the market is taking this to mean the authorities do not want to see MLR dropping any lower than 6½ per cent.

Wall Street down again: After an early morning rise of six points, shares on Wall Street turned sharply lower. The Dow Jones industrial average closed 8.66 points lower at 804.92 on trading of over 23 million shares. The market has now dropped 26.25 points in the last three sessions.

Analysts attributed the decline to fears about the forthcoming money supply figures, the possibility of a higher prime rate and falling car sales. There was also concern over the huge trade deficit and the pace of inflation.

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Heading for the cashless society

A major step towards the cashless society in Britain, with sales outlets from stores to garages and betting shops to hotels able to debit a customer's current account instantaneously by computer link, could be taken within five years after a decision announced in London yesterday.

An inter-bank committee, acting for all the High Street banks, has decided to set up a pilot study involving a range of different outlets, probably in London. The study should be in operation in about a year.

The Retail Consortium has started talks with the Inter-Bank Research Organization to resolve technical problems in setting up the pilot operation. Mr Richard Weir, director of the consortium, said yesterday: "It looks as if this tremendous development could be with us in three to five years. It could be particularly advantageous to outlets like the big grocery stores."

The inter-bank committee, which has been studying the possibilities of a comprehensive point of sale/point of banking terminal system, has accepted that the system will be common to all the banks in the same way as the cheque clearing system is.

This was confirmed by the Banking Information Service which pointed out last night that there had been problems with some similar systems in the United States only because they had been operated on a restricted localized basis.

If the pilot study is successful and there is national acceptance of the scheme—there has been speculation that there might be government concern at a section of the population being frozen out of the system because of their relatively low financial standing—costing of the full scheme will go ahead.

Computer terminals in shops and other outlets, plus computer hardware in a central organization—outlets being connected to the central point by telephone line — are alone expected to cost well in excess of £40m in capital investment.

But the banks could gain in a number of ways. Point-of-sale debiting could take over from cheques which could lead to a diminished use and eventual replacement of cheque guarantee cards. The cost of issuing these is high and so are the losses arising from fraud.

Problems associated with the present rate of growth in cheque issuing—a doubling of the daily spate of cheques could be on the cards by 1984—might be sidestepped.

With around 90 per cent of transactions in Britain being carried out with cash or cheques at present, the question will be how much of this traffic would switch to the terminal system.

The terminal-based system will operate initially by a customer presenting a debit card, the number of which would be keyed into a computer terminal, plus probably a "digital signature" known only to the customer to serve as a security check. If the customer's account at the bank was sufficiently in credit or had a sufficient overdraft ceiling, the transaction could be completed with an instantaneous debit from the customer's account to the trader's.

A question that will have to be resolved is whether and when the credit card systems now operated individually by the banks should also be centralized and brought within the scope of the terminal system. A customer would then be able to opt either for withdrawal from current account or the taking up of credit.

Derek Harris

£8,000 severance pay for Teesside steelmen

By Peter Hill

Record severance payments averaging between £8,000 and £10,000 a man are to be paid to 1,500 workers employed by the British Steel Corporation at its Hartlepool works on Teesside.

Steel industry unions and the BSC agreed severance terms shortly before Christmas, but both sides have refused to disclose the scale of payments.

These payments were agreed in return for the closure of the works retrieved in the review of the corporation's plant closure programme under Lord Beswick, former Minister for Industry.

But the payments, which take account of long service, are believed to exceed those made to 800 workers employed at the Clyde Iron Works in Glasgow, which closed earlier last year as a result of shop floor preference for closure and enhanced redundancy payments rather than facing an uncertain future.

Although the cost to the BSC appears considerable it will be more than outweighted by the savings accruing from the closure of the high cost Hartlepool plant.

The BSC is endeavouring to secure workers' agreement to other closures against the background of the half year loss of £201m and an expected deficit for the full year of £500m.

In return for agreement to plant closures and redundancies, the unions are demanding that the corporation should maintain a heavy investment programme. But the corporation's capital spending is expected to be trimmed still further because of poor market prospects for the next few years.

The future of other "Beswick plants" will be the subject of more talks between union leaders and workers within the next few weeks.



Mr Bill Sirs: off to Wales.

Mr Bill Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation is to visit the East Moors works at Cardiff before the end of this month, and is also expected to have House, and the local MP, about his visit to Ebbw Vale.

The East Moors works, which employs 3,700, is a particularly sensitive one for the Government as it falls within the Prime Minister's constituency.

It is understood that Mr Sirs, who is also chairman of the TUC Steel Industry Committee, has consulted Mr Callaghan about his visit. The ISTC leader is also expected to have talks with Mr Foot, Leader of the House, about his visit to Ebbw Vale.

Following the Beswick review the closure of steelmaking at the works was deferred to March, 1979. But last autumn the BSC announced plans for a progressive rundown of steelmaking operations at Ebbw Vale—which employs 2,000—in view of the falling orders and mounting losses.

Nine US option specialists charged with false records

New York, Jan 5.—Mr Louis J. Lefkowitz, New York Attorney-General, said today that nine American Stock Exchange specialists in call options had been arrested after the filing of eight indictments by a grand jury.

He said the indictments charged the specialists with about 1,000 counts of violating the state general business law that prohibits fictitious transactions, among other things, and with falsifying business records in violation of the state's penal law in the second degree.

The arrested specialists are Mr Arnold Barysh, Mr Richard Cranmer, Mr Francis Santangelo, Mr Eugene Mauro, Mr Arthur Rafkind, Mr Walter Newman, Mr George Mitro, Mr Stuart Kostrinsky and Mr Dennis Poster.

A statement by the American Stock Exchange said: "The public interest is not well served when individuals who have been penalized by both the American Exchange and the SEC are accused again and put through a third ordeal in the state courts based on the same circumstances."—Reuter and AP-Dow Jones.

Swedish ships fly British 'flag of convenience'

By Michael Baily
Shipping Correspondent

One of Scandinavia's top shipowners, the Swedish Salen Group with a fleet of 3 million tons, is transferring ships to Britain's flag of convenience.

So far fewer than 10 of the group's 50-ship fleet are flying the British flag, but more will follow as market conditions and the Swedish Government and seamen's union permit, Mr Sven Salen, group chairman, disclosed in London this week.

A prime reason for the switch is the big pay rises of recent years which have made Swedish manning uncompetitive in many trades. But beyond that lies a fear that Swedish cross-traders could find themselves isolated in a world of growing protectionism in international shipping trades, and a desire to operate within a strong grouping like the EEC capable of defending itself in those conditions.

Another reason for the move, he says, is that "the British flag offers a unique combination of high standard operation and competitive costs. The shipping, financial, and communication services available in London make it an obvious choice as a centre for the group's EEC shipping operations."

Operating from a new office block in Bermondsey, east London, where rents are unfashionably low, Salen UK currently accounts for only about £10m of £200m annual group turnover.

"Shipowners of the future will include an increasing proportion of banks, shipyards and other people who haven't a clue how to run ships", Mr Thomas Sundberg, Salen United Kingdom managing director, says. "Our systems of advanced ship management, with a big emphasis on self-management by sea staff, should prove highly attractive."

£11m helicopter order for UK

An £11.5m order for eight more Westland/Aerospatiale Navy Lynx helicopters from the Yeovil-based Westland Engineering Company, has been placed by the Dutch Navy, it was announced yesterday.

This brings the total order by the Dutch to 24 Lynxes.

JESSUPS

Vehicle Main Dealers, Vehicle Leasing Specialists and Commercial Vehicle Body Builders

	Year to 31st August		
	1977	1976	%
	£000s	£000s	Increase
Turnover	21,240	14,175	49.8
Profit before tax	550	313	75.7
Dividend per share	1.55p	1.39p	11.5
Earnings per share	6.74p	3.71p	81.7

* The current year has started well and further profit growth anticipated.
* Present indications are that car and commercial vehicles markets will be stronger in 1978 than 1977.
* Vauxhall, Bedford and Ford will increase market penetration.
* The leasing sector continues to grow.

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How the markets moved

The Times index: 207.40+2.07
The FT index: 494.5+6.7

Rises

BP	20p to 860p	Midland	10p to 398p
Barclays	10p to 348p	Nat West	10p to 298p
Durban Rood	20p to 288p	Rank Org	10p to 264p
Furness Withy	16p to 344p	Sun Alliance	10p to 603p
Glaxo	12p to 605p	Shell	10p to 530p
Lake & Elliot	6p to 57p	Ultramar	10p to 234p
Lloyds	10p to 298p	Vaux	11p to 408p

Falls

Blyvoors	11p to 286p	Kinross	27p to 283p
De Beers, Ind	10p to 400p	Kloof	22p to 421p
Doornfontein	19p to 230p	Libanon	27p to 444p
E Driefontein	22p to 592p	Southvaal	25p to 434p
E Rand Prop	17p to 316p	Tiger Oats	20p to 450p
Harmony	26p to 323p	Tribune Inv	15p to 610p
Hoechst	10p to 390p	Winkelhaak	22p to 520p

Equities were more buoyant. Gilt-edged securities pulled back part of early losses.
Dollar premium 70.5 per cent (effective rate 23.28 per cent).
Sterling fell more than 7 cents to $1.8880. The effective exchange rate index was at 64.7.

Gold lost $5.75 an ounce to $166.125.
SDR-$ was 1.20639 on Thursday, while SDR-£ was 0.636954.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1419.3 (previous 1413.6).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.73	1.67
Austria Sch	30.75	28.75
Belgium Fr	65.50	62.50
Canada $	2.12	2.07
Denmark Kr	11.50	11.10
Finland Mkk	7.90	7.65
France Fr	9.27	8.95
Germany Dm	4.26	4.04
Greece Dr	79.50	76.00
Hongkong $	9.10	8.65
Italy Lr	1690.00	1635.00
Japan Yn	483.00	455.00
Netherlands Gld	4.57	4.35
Norway Kr	10.16	9.80
Portugal Esc	88.00	83.50
S Africa Rd	2.02	1.89
Spain Pes	163.25	157.25
Sweden Kr	9.25	8.90
Switzerland Fr	4.06	3.84
US $	1.54	1.89
Yugoslavia Dnr	38.75	35.75

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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HOLLIS BROS. & E.S.A. LIMITED

INTERIM STATEMENT—HALF-YEAR TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1977

(Unaudited)

	6 months to 30.9.77 £'000	6 months to 30.9.76 £'000
Turnover	22,873	19,990
Trading Profit	1,536	1,482
Interest	510	375
Group Profit before Tax	1,026	1,107
Less Estimated Corporation Tax	534	575
Group Profit after Tax	492	532
Less Preference Dividend	2	2
	490	530

There has been no abatement in economic strictures in both the construction and educational industries, which form our largest market. It is in the latter where the cuts are more severe.

The increase in turnover partially represents higher prices arising from the lower value of Sterling in the earlier part of the year.

The marginally higher Trading Profit indicates a broadening base which should stand us in good stead when the inevitable upturn in our major markets appears. Interest increases, despite lowering of rates, inevitably follow the inflation in world prices.

The Directors have declared an Interim Dividend of 4.719% Net on each 25p Ordinary Share equivalent, with deemed Advance Corporation Tax, to 7.15% (6.5%) Gross. You will observe the Interim is increased and it is anticipated that the maximum dividend permitted will be recommended as the Final Dividend.

Payment will absorb £106,823 (Net) and will be made on 27th February, 1978 to Shareholders whose names are on the Register at the close of business on 3rd February, 1978.

By order of the Board,
JAMES F. DOWZALL,
Group Secretary.

TSBs ready to join Barclaycard scheme

By Ronald Pullen
Banking Correspondent

Trustee Savings Banks are expected to join the Barclaycard credit card scheme. The decision, due to be announced in about a month, comes after two years of hard discussion not only with the two rival credit card groups, but with the monetary authorities as well.

This will mark another important step towards the TSBs' goal of becoming the "third force" in British banking that was recommended by the Government four years ago for the movement after the Page Report on national savings.

Some of the biggest obstacles the TSBs have faced in joining a credit card scheme appear to have come from the authorities. A high priority since the Trustee Savings Banks Act in 1976 fundamentally changed the structure and direction of the movement, has been the transition from a deposit-taking and money transmission institution into one that provides the full range of banking services, in particular credit facilities.

After a long delay caused by trade union opposition the TSB launched a range of personal credit facilities last July. But because of credit restrictions at the time, the amount the TSBs were allowed to lend was limited to £80m, despite its deposit base of some £4,250m.

Access to a credit card scheme would considerably augment these credit facilities, and it is a solution to this problem that now seems to have been ironed out with the Bank of England and the Treasury.

Both credit card groups—Barclaycard, operated by Barclays Bank, and Access, the joint company of the other clearers—have pitched for the account.

Tipping the balance in Barclaycard's favour appears to have been its experience in integrating smaller banks, like Yorkshire Bank, into its credit card scheme, as well as the fact that costs of the Access scheme are shared equally between its members, whereas the benefits are related to the size of its customer base.

Building costs up

Basic building costs, excluding land, rose by 11.1 per cent during 1977 according to figures published today. This compares with increases in 1976 and 1975 of 14.6 per cent and 20.9 per cent, respectively, according to figures prepared by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors for the *Building* magazine cost index.

Food chains await court ruling on Asda planning appeal

Test case for future of superstores

Asda, the Associated Dairies retail grocery subsidiary is taking legal action over a refusal by Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, to give planning permission for a large new store to be built on the outskirts of Norwich.

Mr Shore's decision on the appeal overruled the recommendations of the inquiry inspector that the development should be allowed to proceed.

The outcome of the case could have far-reaching implications for all the big food retailers who complain that their progress is being held up by planning obstructions. In particular the retailers object to inconsistencies in planning requirements.

This is the first time that Asda, one of Britain's five largest food retailers, has launched a High Court action against a planning decision. The only similar instance was by Sainsbury, which started legal proceedings last summer after Mr Shore turned down against his inspector's recommendation a planning application for a store at Stanway, near Colchester.

Retailers, including the Co-op, Carrefour and Sainsbury, as well as Asda, say that the new development control policy guidelines issued to local authorities by the Department of the Environment last month, will do little to improve matters.

The guidelines say that planning decisions must take account of the "vitality of existing shopping centres".

The likely impact on established shops was the main area of Mr Shore's disagreement with his inspector on the Norwich application. In particular, he questioned the inspector's view of the likely effect of the proposed new store on the peripheral trading fringe of the city, taking account of the relatively high numbers (13 per cent) of vacant shops.

Mr Shore also disagreed with the inspector's opinion that the store would not significantly harm the growth of the recently established Bowthorpe shopping centre nearby.

Other objections were that although the structure plan for the county made provision for a superstore, the details of the plan had not yet been completed.

Mr Shore was unwilling to anticipate public approval of the plan. He also disagreed with the inspector in objecting to the proposed development on environmental grounds by stating that it would be detrimental "to the visual amenities of the locality".

Apart from protests about inconsistencies in planning decisions, retailers also object to the time lag between the hearing of appeals and the decision of the Minister. Asda points out that more than a year had elapsed between the hearing for its Norwich application in September, 1976 and the decision last November.

Mr Noel Stockdale, chairman of Asda, is one of a number of the big retailers who complain about the "enormous cost involved to both the private and public sector in the preparatory work for the hearing of appeals".

With 62 stores opened and a further 14 in the pipeline, Asda has probably the largest stake in the development of superstores and hypermarkets. But other retailers, including Tesco and International, are anxious to build up their stake in bigger stores, which they say enable them to cut food costs and reduce overheads.

Patricia Tisdall

CBI gives warning on wealth tax

By Malcolm Brown

Sir John Methven, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, warned the Government yesterday that if it went ahead with its plans to introduce a wealth tax after the next election it would damage trade and industry and put many small companies and the jobs they provided at risk.

Speaking at the annual luncheon of the confederation's London and south eastern region in London, Sir John said that the prospect of the tax was like an axe poised over the owners of private businesses.

Challenging the Government to state whether or not it wanted to help small businesses the director general made plain that the confederation would use all its resources to fight

Sir John also made a plea to Mr Healey, the Chancellor, to cut income tax in his Budget.

"I hope that as a starting point he will remember that Britain is now far too close to the top of the league table as far as personal taxation is concerned."

The year ahead, Sir John said, would be crucial in the battle against inflation. Decisions taken over the next six months could affect living standards in the next decade. If the Government held its nerve in the public sector and private industry held the pay line there could be a sustained period of single figure inflation.

Harland finance plan to win BSC ship deal

By Peter Hill

Harland & Wolff, the Belfast shipbuilding group has received clearance from the Treasury for a new form of ship financing which it is hoped will lead to new orders.

The company, which is not part of British Shipbuilders, the state corporation, has been having discussions with the British Steel Corporation for several months on the possibility of the BSC placing an order for a large bulk carrier.

Different methods of financing the contract have been examined and no firm decisions have yet been taken, although the political pressure to preserve employment at the Belfast group is clearly considerable.

The BSC has been viewing the question of contracting for new tonnage with less urgency because of the deteriorating state of its own finances.

However, it seems likely that if an order for a bulk carrier is placed with Harland it will come from a separate company—possibly involving Harland—which would then charter the ship to the BSC. Harland has declined to detail the new financing which has Treasury approval. Talks have also taken place with the European Commission.

Last year the company won an order worth between £60m and £70m for two liquefied petroleum gas carriers which will be leased to Shell on a long-term charter.

Under the terms of that deal, a joint leasing company was formed involving United Kingdom banks and Harland & Wolff.

A BSC spokesman said nothing had been agreed with H. & W., but the corporation was "still interested".

$70m US order for Japan

Distress prices being offered by Japanese shipyards have led to orders worth about $70m being placed by Sea Containers—the American container ship and equipment leasing company—for eight new vessels.

Mr James Sherwood, president of the company which operates from New York and London, said that even subsidies from Britain's intervention fund would not have influenced the decision in favour of the United Kingdom.

Apart from the attraction of highly competitive prices and early deliveries; all the ships will be delivered between the fourth quarter of this year and the end of the first quarter of next year. Most United Kingdom yards with the facility to build the vessels ordered by Sea Containers are already fully booked.



Sir William Barlow: Working on the scheme.

New PO move to ease pension fund burden

New proposals are likely to be put to the Government soon to relieve the Post Office of the burden of financing the Post Office Superannuation Fund deficit, now standing at £1,920m.

Sir William Barlow, chairman of the Post Office, and senior corporation officials, are believed to be working on the scheme.

Sir William Ryland, the previous chairman, made several abortive attempts to get the Government to take over part of the deficit, which costs the corporation more than £100m a year to fund.

Late last year the Carter committee on the Post Office, whose report is being studied in Whitehall, was highly critical of the present arrangements.

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13th January, 1978

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27th January, 1978

Holders of renounced Letters of Acceptance (i.e., those with Form X completed or marked "Original duly renounced") are reminded that Form Y must be completed by or on behalf of the person(s) in whose favour the Acceptance is renounced before fully-paid Letters of Acceptance are lodged for registration by 3 p.m. on 27th January, 1978.

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Coach and bus bodywork, G.R.P. hot compression mouldings, textile machinery and precision engineers

	Year to 31st August 1977 £000s	1976 £000s
Turnover	15,258	11,644
Profit before tax	1,269	897
Extraordinary items	105	(279)
Retained profit	498	137
Dividend per share (actual)	0.594p	—
Earnings per share (before extraordinary items)	1.79p	1.21p

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Motor trade seeks wider Europe role

By Clifford Webb

Mr David Plastow, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, yesterday gave warning that much of the European motor industry would not survive the growing competition from its bigger American and Japanese rivals unless there is more cooperation and collective development.

Speaking in Brussels on the eve of the Brussels Motor Show, he said the British motor industry—the largest manufacturing sector in the country—was committed to free trade worldwide, and in particular to the ideals and growth of the European Economic Community.

With the rapidly rising interdependence of major European motor manufacturers, particularly those with American parents, it was becoming spurious to attribute a single national identity to many of the most popular cars in the market.

British-powered Fiestas were assembled in Germany for sale in North America; Leyland Allegros with predominantly British-made parts were assembled in Belgium for sale throughout Europe, including Britain; German-designed Opels were assembled in Belgium for sale in Britain and elsewhere, as Vauxhall Cavaliers.

This cooperation was necessary to counter the advantages of the American and Japanese industries, with their vast home markets

One of the British motor industry's strengths was as a supplier of components to car and commercial vehicle makers in Europe and further afield.

British Airways wins Atlantic freight battle

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

British Airways has won its lengthy battle with the United States aviation authorities to introduce new, low-cost air freight rates across the North Atlantic.

The state airline started the scheme early last year, but strong opposition from the American government and airlines forced it to suspend it in June. During the six months of operation BA's air freight business across the Atlantic rose by 30 per cent.

President Carter has now overruled a decision of the United States Civil Aeronautics Board and the rates became officially effective again this week.

"In the interim", BA said yesterday, "Pan American, Trans World and Seaboard shifted their ground and produced their own low-price competitive proposals."

Eight British freight agents have signed contracts with British Airways for the new rates. They are: AEI, Emery, LEP, Meadows, Mercury, Mitchell Cotts, Pandair and Scottish Express. BA said yesterday that it expects further signings shortly.

The rates offer considerable reductions to agents who are prepared to contract for a minimum shipment of 800 tonnes a year.

Mr David Coltman, head of cargo marketing, said the new rates would stimulate trade between Britain and America. At present, over half the capacity on all airlines to the United States was unused.

Britain rejects patents proposal

Britain has told the European Commission that it will not support the Commission's proposed regulations on patent licensing agreements.

The Government is said to oppose the proposed regulations because it believes they would make technology transfers by licensing agreements even more difficult than they are under present EEC rules.

Brussels is believed to require special permission concerning licences and territorial restrictions on production and sales. But Mr Hattersley's Department of Prices and Consumer Protection argues that companies should merely have to "notify" their changes in these fields to the Commission.

North Sea oil price cut soon

Domestic and export prices for North Sea crude oil are expected to fall by 20 to 30 cents a barrel this month, reducing both Government oil revenues and oil company profits.

With production running at nearly 900,000 barrels a day, such a reduction on prices of $13.75 a barrel would lower daily revenues by $180,000 to $270,000.

The government share of North Sea revenues through a well head royalty, corporation tax, and petroleum revenue tax, where this is applicable, is about 75 per cent.

North Sea oil costs are now firmly linked to the price regime of Algeria, Libya and Nigeria, which produce similar quality oils.

Business appointments

New finance chief for United Glass

Mr Brian Moorhouse has become group finance and administration director of United Glass.

Mr David Longridge has been elected to the board of Avis Inc.

Mr Colin Hardy has been appointed a director of Indo-China Steam Navigation (Hong Kong), and of Pedder Shipping. Also appointed to the Pedder board is Captain George Colbeck. Mr K. F. Lo has been made a director of Lombard Insurance and of Hong King Fire Insurance. Mr David Agnew and Mr William Huang join the board of Jardine Engineering Corporation.

Mr Thornton Hawkins, formerly personnel director of the overseas division of Booker McConnell, has joined the board of Brown, Knight & Truscott (Holdings).

Mr J. P. Lobbenberg has been appointed a director of Silhouette (London).

Mr J. R. Gronow has been appointed to the board of Cooper Industries.

Mr B. A. Bateson has been appointed a director and joint managing director of C. E. Heath (South East). Mr J. A. Dawson also becomes joint managing director and Mr L. S. Mathieson joins the board.

Mrs Jackie Patel has been elected to the board of Delta Extruded Metals.

Mr H. M. F. Barnes has been made a director of Alexander Howden Group.

Mr Edward Whittemore has joined the board of Gallagher.

Mr D. I. S. Hinton, chairman and managing director of BICC Industrial Products, is now chairman of Dorman Smith Holdings, following the acquisition of the company by BICC Limited. Mr T. G. F. Atherton has retired as chairman and from the board. Mr E. J. Atherton, Mr R. L. Cooper and Mr M. L. Cooper have also retired. Mr D. L. Boult and Mr A. G. Fowler join the board and Mr Fowler is also made managing director of the Dorman Smith group. Mr W. A. Cockroft becomes a director and general manager of Dorman Smith Switchgear.

Mr G. Norman, group managing director of Manders (Holdings), has succeeded Mr J. D. F. Tavendale as chairman. Mr Tavendale remains chairman of Manders Property (Wolverhampton).

Mr D. Wolfson joins the board of Cedar Investment Trust.

Mr R. J. Overend has been made financial director of Howard Machinery.

Mr E. R. Hazelhurst becomes a director of Healys.

Mr Peter Ellis, a director of ICL, has been made chairman of Baric Computing Services.

Mr M. N. Buswell has become a director of Dalgety UK.

Mr Oliver Blanford is now executive vice-chairman of Talent Engineering. He has also joined the main board of the Charles Colston Group. Mr Douglas Richards joins both boards.

Mr G. M. T. Jeffreys and Mr V. E. Skinner are appointed to the board of South Crofty.

Mr Michael Heal becomes chairman of Staples.

Mr M. Muscroft and Mr G. Smith join the board of TC Harrison.

Mr M. J. Hopcraft has been made a director of Mitchell Cotts.

Mr Roger Howson has become a director of Buckley Investments.

Mr C. A. Rose and Mr J. A. Rigg have been made directors of British Rail Engineering

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Application of production technology in industry

From Mr Stanley Oliver

Sir, I was very interested to read Kenneth Owen's article entitled "Learning to live in the electronic society" (December 23). Dr Nuttgen's definition of technology and his comment on its relationship to science is of special interest and importance.

May I add my own comments? Technology is knowledge arrived at by observation, experiment and induction—with the object of employing means and methods to do "useful" things well. The true application of technology follows what is known as the "scientific method", using "inductive theory", which applies logic to move from a particular truth to a general truth (or a generally applied particular truth).

Technology makes use of the liberal arts (higher branches of learning), and the mechanical arts, which involve manual labour.

Applied to a manufacturing company, technology usually follows the undermentioned stages, relating to a proposed product:

A R and D stage
Basic research
Applied research
Development work
Design work
—applied to the design and development of a product.
B Production technology stage
Production development (manufacturing techniques)
Tool design and manufacture
Machine and equipment technology
Plant layout and design
Work study
Value engineering.

It is, I suggest, in two main areas that United Kingdom industry needs to give special attention.

(1) The application of R and D in the very many smaller companies which are experiencing "R and D starvation".

(2) The management of production technology, the vital (stage B) activities, in all but the very large and clearly well-managed companies, in this respect.

These are urgent matters, if we are to move into a prosperous future. There is still relatively little attention given to this latter subject in our higher educational establishments.

Yours faithfully,
STANLEY OLIVER,
Senior Lecturer in Management,
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Medical fees for elderly drivers

From Mr Thomas Vezey

Sir, Would it not be possible for the various insurance companies dealing with car insurance to get together with the medical profession to agree a reasonable fee which doctors may charge for giving certificates of fitness to drive by senior motorists?

My experience may be of interest to others. Four years ago I was first asked for such a certificate and the doctor charged me 50p. The next year it went up to 75p and the third year to £6.00. In each case the examination lasted less than five minutes.

This time my insurance brokers sent me a form containing 28 questions for the doctor to answer, so I replied asking if they would accept the certificate rendered a year ago as I had had no occasion to see my doctor since then and had made no claim for over 30 years. The insurance company agreed, but have intimated that they will require a certificate next year.

Inquiries I have made from friends reveal that there is no uniform scale. I have heard of fees varying between £2 and £10.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS VEZEY,
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1 Links Road,
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December 30.

Tax relief on joint life policies

From Mr Jeremy Goford

Sir, There is a simple solution to Professor Pelter's problem (January 4) regarding tax relief on a joint life policy under the provisions of the wife's earnings election.

The office issuing the policy should be asked to split it into two policies—one payable on his death provided his wife is still alive, and the other payable on his wife's death provided he is still alive.

In any event for 1979-80 and subsequent years tax relief will be given even on the joint life policy.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY GOFORD,
Director,
Tillinghast, Nelson & Warren Limited,
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January 4.

A year of gloom for unemployed?

From Mr G. Rawlinson

Sir, Nearly every national newspaper has as its main story today — December 28 — the OECD forecasts for the world economy. To quote *The Times*, "Britain faces a bright economic year in 1978 . . ."

But as both Lord Kaldor and myself have pointed out in letters you have published this year, this euphoria seems to have very little concrete foundations. For example, and the OECD appears to agree with this, it is very unlikely, with present economic policies and the continuing investment "strike", that unemployment will fall.

It may be a bright economic year for those in employment, as indeed were the 1930s, but for those without next year is likely to be as bleak as this year. Similarly, rising inflation in the second half of next year seems to be a strange criterion on which to say that an economy is to face a bright year.

If a rising stock exchange and record profits are criteria for a bright year, then the OECD may well be right, but in terms of the human dimension, that is, unemployed, etc, I for one see no reason for euphoria.

Yours faithfully,
GARY RAWLINSON,
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Coventry,
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December 28.

'Deplorable' bank notes

From Mr Norman Parfit

Sir, While fully supporting Mr Goodwin (January 4) in his plea for cleaner bank notes on aesthetic grounds, may I assure him, and any who may be frightened by his letter, that there is no evidence that Bank of England notes "can seriously damage your health" except, of course, by buying cigarettes, alcoholic drinks and the like.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN PARFIT,
5 Northmoor Road,
Oxford.

From Mr A H. J. Diamant

Sir, Those of your correspondents ("Deplorable condition of bank notes", January 4) who appear to have forgotten what new bank notes look like would be well advised to try one of the cash dispensing machines which are now appearing at many banks. It appears that to obtain a supply of pristine bank notes one of these special computer terminals is essential, for they dispense new bank notes only, except on those occasions, which appear to be not infrequent, when they are empty.

A. H. J. DIAMANT.
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Nube's £1,000m pump-primer for industry

From Mr J. R. Robb

Sir, The General Secretary of the National Union of Ba Employees reoffers the w pronoted TUC myth that t City is unable to finance generation of the Brit economy (*The Times*, Dece ber 16). He advocates a £1,00 investment pump-primer, up half by Government and b by institutions.

When will the scales d from Mr Mills' and his l minded colleagues' eyes? truth is the City is able finance regeneration if politicians of all parties and TUC would let it.

There is no "strike of c tal". But there is a polit lock-out of investment op tunity produced by gov ments of all hues with the s misguided (no doubt well tentioned) TUC breathing d their necks. Together they blacked the profit motive blacked capitalism. And are blind enough to com the failures and unemploym of our socialist society competitors abroad who hav capitalism more effectively

They have savagely taxed discredited private investm discouraged it by removing fit margins essential to at and preserve it—and blindly (surely not misc ously?) attacked it for "fa to invest".

It is widely recognized course, that the TUC ca and will not be taught a the social merits of profit capitalism. (We must until they acclaim them as own discoveries.) And yet press for regeneration and employment.

The missing ingredient opportunity to make an quate return on risk ca while also keeping that c safe from inflation. No vestment requires capital risked and possibly lost: c not the job for institution for unconsulted taxpayers evidently for TUC funds are apparently not to figu the £1,000m in spite o Mills' championship of partism); but clearly th for risk-taking private c attracted by profit and plined by loss.

If the TUC really wan full fruits of regeneratio its members and for the try then let them hav same courage that the Ci Let them harness all the able resources by restorin wages and high profits. Le ernment limit its clums unskilled intervention t trol of abuse. Better s move all taxes from ea and from investment an them onto consum instead.

J. R. ROBB,
North Newnton,
Pewsey, Wiltshire.

Subsidizing Polish ships

From Mr P. D. R. Talbot Willcox

Sir, Whatever may be the pros and cons of subsidizing shipbuilding and the arguments for and against giving subsidies to buyers of particular political persuasions, surely we can all agree that the full extent of the subsidies should be known.

It is widely believed in the City that the arrangements for a joint company with the Poles conceal greater subsidies than have been disclosed.

Other people, on the contrary, believe that the joint company is a means of recovering part of the subsi a period of years.

There is no hope of w the enthusiasm of the for industrial effort an mercial responsibility; if are treated like childre are too young to be t facts of life.

May we please be in of the present value anticipated gain to this or to the Poles: throu joint company formula in this case?

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Increased profit, Improved order book

The Rt. Hon. Lord Erroll of Hale, Chairman, made the fo ing points in his circulated review for the twelve mo *ended 24th September, 1977.*

* Group pre-tax profit increased to £3,426 million for the y September 1977.
The Board recommends a final net dividend of 2.817p per making a total of 4.604p for the year, including the maximum missible increase, and representing a total net distributi £415,790 (1976—4.122p per share, £372,264).
* Group completed sales and trading profit for the year respectively about 20% and 9% higher than for last year, with tax profit some 20% higher.
* Compared with last year Light Engineering's trading prof about 28% lower on completed sales which were only 7% from last year's level, reflecting the increasingly difficult t conditions encountered over the year.
* *The Aiton sub-group has made further progress over last* peak results with a 22% increase in trading profit for the year. Pipework and Process Plant in Canada performed particularly
* *Heavy Engineering* has also fared better than last yea trading profit increased by 23%.
* Whessoe Ireland was affected by strikes and as a result i year profit has been converted to a full year loss. This subsid now operating normally.
* The 60% owned Nigerian subsidiary had a good yea produced much improved sales and trading profit.
* The offshore fabrication facility at Dock Point, Middlesb operated profitably for the year as a whole. Performance was n however during the late summer by an inter-union deman dispute, and with the completion of all but one of the major contracts on hand, the expected rundown in activity is now in
* Our two major Heavy Engineering Works establishme Darlington and Stockton have both operated profitably. Total a over the year has picked up progressively reflecting our n success in securing a high level of new orders early in the year, of them for export.
* The total value of new orders won by the Group was £2 million greater than last year's figure of £60 million. Orders however more evenly spread than last year with Heavy Engin accounting for 68%, Aiton for 26% and Light Engineering the ba of 6%.
The Group has started the 1977/78 financial year w much improved order book. Compared with a year ago this vides a healthier basis, especially in some areas of Heavy Eng ing, for the current year's activity and profit, though off fabrication activity is a significant exception.
* Although last year the nuclear outlook was disappointing is now a greater probability that during the coming year there w a resumption of ordering of nuclear power stations. This w present substantial hardware fabrication and construction o tunities for the Group.
* Given the improved state of the Group order book, and w important reservation only about prospects of new offshore wo believe that pre-tax profit for the current financial year will some further increase.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

The pressure comes off

The American move to stabilize the dollar was well enough received yesterday, but financial markets will now be looking for further, more substantial measures from President Carter to underpin what is widely viewed as only a tentative first step. Wall Street, after showing initial scepticism on Wednesday, opened stronger, the argument being that the new interventionist foreign exchange policy marks such a change in thinking that it is virtually inconceivable it will not be backed up by something more constructive. But later the gains were lost, suggesting there is no uniformity of view.

There is a general fear, however, that the dollar may not hold up for long without furthre measures. Britain's experience has long since demonstrated that foreign exchange markets are not impressed by drum-beating.

What has been achieved for the moment at least, though, is a restoration of orderliness to a market which had been fast approaching chaos. This was apparent in the heady mood, reminiscent of last September, in the British gilt-edged market, and in the talk of Minimum Lending Rate back down to 5 per cent or less.

The bullish mood has by no means evaporated, but, unless the dollar starts to slide again, the focus will switch back much more to domestic fundamentals which should, in turn, make it easier for the Bank to hold back the pace of interest rate decline. The equity market, having been disenchanted by the deteriorating outlook for export and overseas earnings, saw bargains at their highest level since early November, although it would take a significant drop in sterling now to alleviate the difficulties for companies with a big foreign business.

Meanwhile, the dollar premium, which was at an effective rate of 40 per cent when the 25 per cent surrender was abandoned, was down by nearly 4 more points yesterday to an effective 23.3 per cent, a level where investors may again soon begin to find attractions in overseas securities.

Allied Breweries

A freer market

The shadows over the brewery sector created by the Price Commission report and the poor summer of 1977 are fast becoming memories, leaving the majors free to fight freely over market share. Talks are taking place with government today over the structure of the industry—the tied house system, local monopolies and so on—but the main threat of a more restrictive price regime seems to have passed.

Thus, share prices have risen against the market even if results, Bass Charrington's apart, have been disappointing. Yesterday's profits from Allied Breweries for the year to September at £77.2m against £63m were at the bottom end of expectations and left the shares 2p lower at 91p.

Excluding £4.8m from acquisitions, mainly Teacher's, the gain in the first half of 29.7 per cent which was against a comparably poor half hit by a strike at Ansells, was cut to 3.1 per cent in the latter half without the exceptional 1976 weather.

That performance is not so good as at Bass, but profits in both cases are bedevilled by special factors. Nevertheless Allied is now making less profit than Bass and the latter's strong position in the lager market and strength in traditional beers places it in a better position for the current year when consumer spending is set to increase.

Most of this is already reflected in Bass's price, whose yield at 4.75 per cent at 156p is nearly two points below Allied, but with three times cover for Bass's dividend, the prospects for a lift when restraint is lifted are good, and on a comparable basis Bass is selling on a lower earnings multiple.

Allied's strength could lie in the 40 per cent of its profits currently flowing from wines, spirits and soft drinks. They performed well last year, and a rise in consumer spending could benefit this side more than the beers, in the current period, reducing the effects of the continuing pressure on Double Diamond.

Still, Allied's Skol lager improved market share last year and it now has Lowenbrau added to its range.

Allied, like the other brewers, is convinced that the slowing of the growth in the lager market in the United Kingdom last year was temporary. All of which leaves Bass and Allied fairly evenly matched for investment given that Allied offers a 6¼ per cent yield.

For the sector generally, Allied's adjustments for inflation following the Hyde guidelines are likely to be mirrored in other groups. The effect is to reduce pre-tax profits by 30 per cent, but after making no allowance for deferred tax, earnings per share come out slightly higher.



Shareholders in Fodens, whose chief executive is Mr William Foden (above), have lived through an institutional rescue operation, a £1m loss and a full-scale bid battle during the past three years. So after yesterday's announcement of interim pre-tax profits quadrupled to £1.3m they may well be wondering what happens next.

Certainly there are serious clouds on the horizon in the form of strikes among suppliers and the company is now saying that its recovery programme, as outlined at the time of the rescue may well be up to a year adrift.

The central question, of course, is whether a small independent heavy truck maker can survive against a world background of overcapacity and fierce competition from American and European giants.

Even with a prospective yield of 8.3 per cent and historic p/e ratio of 4.7 at 60p, this uncertainty may have an overriding influence on the share price. However, ERF Holdings, the other independent truckmaker which publishes results next week, is family-controlled, so any continuing bid interest is likely to continue to concentrate on Fodens.

Pontins

Coral's expensive holiday

Coral has been indicating for some time about wanting to shed its racy gambling tag for the more respectable label of a well-diversified leisure concern. Yesterday's agreed bid for Pontins, coming soon after the takeover of Centre Hotels (Cranston), changes the profile of the group at a stroke.

But clearly for a group capitalized at £76m the terms of the bid valuing Pontins at £56m is a lot for Coral to digest. To secure a group that is currently enjoying the upswing of the holiday business, Coral is having to pay a fair premium and on the forecast £7.25m for Pontins this year the exit p/e ratio is around 15½.

With Coral selling on a prospective p/e ratio of around seven there will inevitably be some earnings dilution but thanks to certain tax shelter arrangements, deferred tax and tax-relief from the Centre Hotels deal, Coral reckons dilution to be no more than 8 to 9 per cent.

For a group that enjoys a healthy cash-flow (around £10½m last year) and has made a couple of rights issues in the past two years, the £17m cash element of the bid can be comfortably accommodated by existing bank facilities. Even so, it will practically double borrowings to just over £35m and raise gearing back to around 65 to 70 per cent.

Combined shareholders' funds of £75m and capital employed of £120m of the two groups means that Coral will more than double its size overnight, but the holiday business is a switchback one and even with existing Pontins management staying on it remains to be seen if Coral has the management expertise to capitalize on this acquisition.

Geoffrey Bell describes the forces at work in the currency markets

Critical weeks ahead for the dollar

Faced with a dollar plunging hour by hour, the United States Administration finally grasped the nettle on Wednesday afternoon and decided to intervene heavily in the foreign exchange markets and to buy dollars.

The market had become increasingly chaotic and, since the beginning of the year, speculative positions were growing against the currency. Thus, the timing of this move was chosen well, in the sense that institutions that had sold dollars short ran immediately for cover, buying dollars and so forcing up the price sharply.

If the same action had been taken a week or two earlier (for example, immediately after President Carter's statement in December that the United States was willing to intervene in the markets), the results would not have been as dramatic. Up to the last few days there was little evidence of speculation against the dollar, with much of the pressure coming from holders of dollars, who had simply decided to diversify the currency mix of their international assets.

The question at issue is whether central bank intervention will work for any length of time in stabilizing the dollar or whether the fact that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, either directly or through other central banks, is now a willing buyer of dollars will allow dollar holders to get out at a more favourable price.

Nothing fundamental has changed, except that there is a new buyer of dollars in the market. Interestingly enough, until the last few days, when the pressure became intense, it was the fashionable view in Washington that intervention by itself was by no means sufficient to stabilize the situation.

Government spokesmen and central bankers on both sides of the Atlantic are arguing that the foreign exchange markets have become increasingly irrational, the dollar being forced down well beyond what could be justified by the United States trade deficit and relative inflation rates.

Price competitiveness among countries is measured on a variety of bases and the conclusion had been drawn that the dollar had fallen more than enough to adjust for recent and past differences in price performances.

Yet these purchasing power parity calculations miss the crucial point of what has been happening. Exchange rates have become much more dominated by capital flows and by decisions of large holders of dollars to change the currency composition of their reserves.

Inflation differentials and current account balances between countries offer only a partial explanation of the behaviour of exchange rates and even then only over the long run. Given the existence of several hundred billions of dollars held either directly in the United States or, more importantly, in the Eurodollar market, shifts in capital flows are critical.

But, if exchange rates are propelled upward against the dollar through monetary movements and beyond levels justified by international price differentials, exports can suffer seriously with adverse effects on employment levels. This is the chief concern of the United Kingdom along with most other countries with appreciating exchange rates.

Therefore, the question must be raised whether a system of floating exchange rates can survive an "undervalued" dollar. Will the demands for trade protection grow and even greater restrictions on inward capital movements be introduced just as took place last month in Germany?

Perhaps it is worth remembering in this context that the old Bretton Wood system of fixed exchange rates collapsed under the welter of enormous capital movements out of the dollar in 1973.

Part played by US trade deficit

Between last September and the beginning of this week the dollar had fallen 14 per cent against the pound, 23 per cent against the Swiss franc, 13 per cent against the Deutsche mark and 13 per cent against the yen. It had fallen for 17 consecutive weeks against the Swiss franc and for 12 weeks against the Deutsche mark.

To say that this cumulative pressure was unusual is understating the point. If one looks at the whole period of floating exchange rates since early 1973, for the majority of the time the dollar-Deutsche mark exchange rate has changed direction from week to week. The longest period of continuous pressure in the past was for nine weeks and for the Swiss franc it was eight weeks.

This is why many observers have been waiting for a market reaction and a strengthening of the dollar, however temporary. Experts have been shaking their heads arguing that it was next to impossible for a market trend to continue so long in one direction without at least some reversal. A reaction may now have taken place.

The underlying reason for the pressure on the dollar has been the deterioration in the United States trade deficit from $9,000m in 1976 to about $30,000m in 1977, with no expectation of improvement in 1978. The situation has been made much worse because there is no real agreement among governments on how to resolve the problem.

The United States still wants the governments of Germany and Japan to reflate their economies, which they are not willing to do except in token amounts. On the other hand, the United States is being asked to take independent action to improve its trade deficit.

Quite correctly, America is not going to deflate its economy to reduce imports. The possibility of Congress passing an energy Bill which will really cut oil imports is also remote.

Against this background, the foreign exchange markets ceased to function normally. The major operators in the market are banks, which are generally willing to add to dollar positions within reasonably wide limits as part of their function in making markets.

Yet banks have become very nervous and so, when receiving an order to sell dollars from a commercial customer, they immediately unload these dollars or quote successively low prices. This, in turn, leads to major fluctuations in the price of the currency, so that even small sales affect its value.

In fact, what has been happening is precisely what happened to the pound on a smaller scale in 1976.

The next stage in the process is what has been called "bandwagoning". The pressure builds up against a currency and then more and more dollar holders decide to climb on the bandwagon and get out.

This happened in 1973 when the dollar fell 40 per cent in the space of five months against the Swiss franc and Deutsche mark. There has been a real danger of the same phenomenon being repeated in early 1978.

The dollar is the world's main investment as well as trading currency and holdings of dollars are many times greater than for any other currency. Thus a decision to change the currency of an international portfolio and reduce dollar holdings by even a small percentage can have a very great effect on the value of the currency purchased.

No evidence of large shift of funds

For example, the gross size of the Euro-currency market is in excess of $600,000m of which Euro-dollars account for about 80 per cent or $480,000m. Between December, 1972, and December, 1973, the share of Euro-dollars in the market fell from 78 per cent to 74 per cent.

This means that, if the same percentage drop took place in 1978, and not allowing for any increase in the absolute size of the market, $30,000m would be looking for a different currency.

Moreover, most international currency portfolios tend to be concentrated in a limited number of currencies other than the dollar, of which Deutsche marks, Swiss francs, yen and sterling are the most popular.

Fortunately, there is as yet no evidence of really massive shifts of funds out of the dollar, although in 1977 central banks outside the United States bought $30,000m in vain attempts to keep their own currencies from rising.

Nevertheless, currency diversification has been taking place and may even gather momentum. Past experience shows, though, that the pressure can be fairly quickly reversed and it is interesting to note that, even after the intense pressure on the dollar in 1973, there was no significant longer-term trend towards currency diversification against it.

In fact, by the end of 1975, the proportion of Euro-dollars in the Euro-currency market was back to the level of 1972 and nearly all of that recovery took place in 1974. This was due in large measure to the decision of Opec countries to keep the vast majority of their new assets in dollars.

However, if the pressure against the dollar renews, governments will have to face some hard choices. There is no longer the option of returning to fixed exchange rates, as this would lead to an explosion in countries' money supplies. On the other hand, export industries could well suffer, if floating meant rising exchange rates against the dollar.

The danger is that, if money flows continue to dominate exchange rates for any sustained period of time, governments may feel obliged to erect trade and capital barriers to protect domestic employment.

The next few weeks will be critical both for the dollar and for the survival of the present system of floating exchange rates. By far the most important factor is whether holders of international funds decide that they are happy with the present currency mix of their assets or not.

If they decide that a broader currency mix in their portfolios is the safer course, given the experience of 1977, then the pressure will continue, even if not so intense.

In these circumstances governments are more likely to resort to restrictive measures both on trade and capital flows (and even multiple exchange rate systems) to protect home industries from an undervalued dollar. The decision actively to intervene in the foreign exchange markets is a significant move away from floating and this could be only the first step.

The way out of this dilemma is, however, clear-cut. The United States has broken the international policy log-jam by Wednesday's action. If this could be coupled with even a moderately effective energy Bill and Western Germany and Japan would respond by taking further action to stimulate their economies, the outlook for the United States trade deficit would improve greatly.

Once the movement is in the right direction, then international capital flows can be stabilized and any remaining currency diversification is more easily handled. At least a start has been made.

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More voices from space

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Technology Correspondent

All being well, an international communications satellite known as Intelsat 4A should be launched from Cape Canaveral at 7.15 pm local time today, heading for geosynchronous orbit (matching the rotation of the earth) over the Indian Ocean.

It can relay more than 6,000 telephone conversations plus two television channels and will provide voice, data and video communications between 43 countries centred on the Indian Ocean, but extending as far as the United Kingdom and Australia.

Three satellites of this type are already operating over the Atlantic, providing similar services (including all live television programmes) for more than 60 countries, and earlier models are working over the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

The satellites are in orbit at about 36,000 kilometres over the equator. To be in touch with the Indian Ocean satellite the Post Office's "Goonhilly 1" antenna in Cornwall is aimed at an angle of only about half a degree above the horizon.

This global system of satellites has gradually developed to become an essential, if taken for granted, part of the world telecommunications network. Today's launch is the twenty-sixth to be sponsored by the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (Intelsat). The first was the famous "Early Bird" of 1965, since when progressively larger and more powerful satellites have been introduced.

There are now 101 member countries in the Intelsat organization, which is responsible for the "space segment"—ie, the satellites—of the global system. The ground stations and links that form the so-called "earth segment" are the responsibility of the national telecommunications authorities.

This "earth segment" has grown to include almost 200 antennae at 160 stations in 87 countries. The combined system of satellites and ground stations provides about 500 communication "paths" between the stations.

Today's launch will cost Intelsat about $47m (£24m), of which about $18m is for the satellite and $29m for the launch services (including the Atlas-Centaur launch vehicle), which are provided by the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration. For the Intelsat 4A programme overall (involving six satellites) the investment is more than $295m or about £150m.

Technical and operational management for Intelsat is provided under contract by the Communications Satellite Corporation (Comsat), Washington DC.

A measure of the risk in harnessing space technology to commercial use is Intelsat's practice of assuming one failure in four launches, for planning and financial purposes. In the event, of the 25 launches to date, six have failed to result in operational satellites in the planned orbit—four because of launch vehicles failures and two because of defects in the "apogee motor" aboard the satellite.

The launch today is in fact the second attempt to place an Intelsat 4A in orbit over the Indian Ocean. Last September 29, on the first attempt, the Atlas-Centaur rocket went out of control 55 seconds after lift-off and broke up.

Communications traffic in the Indian Ocean region is growing faster than anywhere else in the global satellite system. During 1977 the number of circuits in operation there rose by more than 20 per cent to about 2,500, with the United Kingdom taking the largest single share of usage of the Indian Ocean satellite.

Communications satellites in general are also growing as a proportion of Nasa's launch programme. For this year the agency's planned schedule includes nine communication satellites out of a total of 25 launches.

These consist of two Intelsat 4As; two fleet communication satellites for the United States Navy; an experimental broadcasting satellite for Japan; a Comstar United States domestic satellite; the European Space Agency's Orbital Test Satellite (a second attempt after the launch explosion on the first attempt last September 13); a Nato communication satellite; and a Telesat Canadian domestic satellite.

Meanwhile, at the Intelsat organization, a significant new trend has emerged. In the years since the formation of the organization in 1964 the main thrust has been the provision of international services. Now there is another important role—the provision of national domestic communications services via the Intelsat spacecraft.

National authorities can lease part of a satellite's capacity to provide a domestic service. This is being done by Algeria, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, France (St Denis de la Réunion), Malaysia, Nigeria, Norway, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sudan and Uganda.

Of the five types of satellite used by Intelsat to date, Hughes Aircraft Company of California has built four—Intelsat 1 (Early Bird), Intelsat 2 and (with the British Aircraft Corporation, Bristol, as a main subcontractor) Intelsats 4 and 4A.

TRW Systems built Intelsat 3 and Ford Aerospace and Communications Corporation is developing the next in the series, the forthcoming Intelsat 5.

Studies are under way for Intelsat 6, which will provide services in the late 1980s. New technologies which are being examined include multiple-beam spacecraft antennae, which would aim "pencil beams" at specific ground stations; direct communication links between satellites; and a variety of digital techniques.

Business Diary: Literary agent • SPP and Sadat

Would that the latest appointments to the board of the Crown Agents freed that delightful novelist William Cooper to write the life and times of that ruinously expensive institution.

Who better than Cooper, with his comic touch and extensive knowledge of Whitehall to chronicle the doings of public servants as they lose over £200m in ill-advised financial escapades?

Cooper is, in real life, Civil Service personnel adviser Harry Hoff, a part-time board member since 1975. He now bows out from the Crown Agents' board as Jack Jones, Peter Bullfield and Douglas Williams bow in.

Jones retires this year as general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union. Bullfield is an accountant and director of merchant bankers, Schroder Wagg and Williams a retired deputy secretary in the Agents' sponsoring department, the Ministry of Overseas Development.

Stepping down with Hoff are Mrs Hester Boothroyd, a retired Treasury under-secretary and James Jack, general secretary of the Scottish TUC between 1963 and 1975. They were original members of the board established at the Crown Agents by the ministry after the breaking of the storm in 1974 over the Agents' losses.

Judith Hart, the Minister for Overseas Development, will announce a further appointment to the remaining part-time vacancy, that left by the retirement of John Gordon, a former director of Grindlays Bank.

■ Peter Munk is one man with a lot at stake in the success of President Sadat's peace plans.

He is chairman and chief executive of the Hongkong-based Southern Pacific Properties, who are the partners of the Egyptian government in the development of the $500m Pyramids Oasis tourist resort taking shape overlooking the pyramids at Giza, outside Cairo.

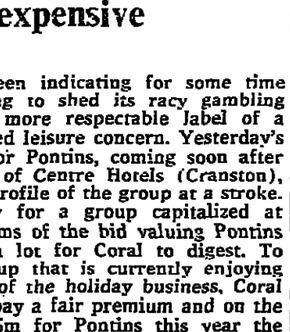
This development is now under attack in Egypt from President Sadat's left-wing opponents and, should the peace moves falter and the president fall, then the development—into which SPP has already put £5m—would be in question.

Munk told Business Diary yesterday that the project also faces opposition from the owners of the ramshackle night clubs and second homes which have sprung up at Giza and which will be cleared away under the development plan.

He and his partner, deputy chairman David Gilmour, started as sound engineers in their native Canada. They moved on to develop a resort with the Fijian government and to acquire the Travelodge Australia hotel chain.

Munk and Gilmour have hopes that the resort, which is only nine kilometres from Cairo, will attract businessmen from the city's overcrowded hotels. Shareholders in SPP range from Trust Houses Forte to the Saudi Arabians' Triad Holding Corporation.

Gilmour said yesterday that he and Munro had already picked on Egypt as the most promising long-haul tourist suntrap when in late 1973 the Egyptians broached the resort idea.



Southern Pacific Properties' Peter Munk: pyramid selling of a very different sort.

One point in Egypt's favour, he went on, was that unlike their experience in other countries SPP surveyed, nobody asked for backhanders.

■ There's gold in them thar *collines* to the east of France—or so Professor Henri Erhart says and he should know. The professor is honorary director of research at the National Centre for Scientific Research and a *Laureat* of the French Institute.

He also has his own laboratory at Mulhouse and now, after 50 years of scientific exploration throughout France, he has come to the conclusion the country can produce far more than the two measly tons of bullion dug out of the black mountains in Britanny each year.

According to Erhart, the French gold potential is nearer 200 tons a year and the heaviest concentration is to be found in the Vosges—just to the north of his Mulhouse laboratory. He believes that they alone could yield 20 tons a year.

But wait: before you rush off to the cellar to find your old pickaxe and pan there is a catch. Gold hunting in one of the world's great gastronomic regions may seem a fair prospect, but the pickaxe and pan will not be much use. What you will need is a laboratory like the professor's.

For, he says, gold is found in dust in particles smaller than a micron (a thousandth of a millimetre). It needs laboratory treatment to separate it out into a gold powder which then can be fused into nuggets.

Even so, he believes it would not cost too much to find and process enough of the dust to produce those 200 French tons of gold a year. There would even be some platinum and silver, too, as a bonus.

All those legendary French peasants who have for years been shaking the dust out of their mattresses and stuffing them with gold coins will be distressed at the professor's news. If they had only kept the dust in the mattress they might not only have been richer, but would have found their beds more comfortable to sleep on.

■ Britain's three biggest oil companies, Shell, Esso and British Petroleum, are cold shouldering the Department of Energy's latest addition to the Save It energy conservation campaign which is to be unleased on "opinion formers" (Business Diary readers?) at the end of this month.

The companies have told the civil servants at Millbank quite bluntly that they can think of more effective ways of spending the £250,000 that the campaign will cost to mount.

They were also worried that the ever-observant public would notice the fact that they were participating in an energy saving campaign while on petrol station forecourts the same companies were cutting prices in an effort to lure motorists to the pumps.

Its all been a great disappointment to Dr John Cunningham, D of E parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and conservation supremo, and his new Save It under secretary Bernard Ingham who had planned to have all the energy sectors contributing copy and money to the series.

Not surprisingly, the nationalized gas, electricity and coal industries have answered the call, but in the absence of the international oil companies the oil industry contribution will have to come from the British National Oil Corporation—hardly noted for its expertise in the fields of refining, transportation and marketing, the areas where the most fruitful opportunities for saving energy exist.

Yesterday's announcement of further appointments to the board of the Crown Agents brought to mind an engaging fact about Sir Claude Hayes, who was chairman of the Crown Agents between 1968 and 1974, during which time, according to the recent reports, they were sold a number of disastrously expensive pups. Sir Claude lists in Who's Who *as one of his hobbies "getting value for money from shops".*

Yet again, CM&G have what it takes to reach the top.

Bonus announcement: £5.00% p.a. compound.

In anticipation of the declaration of bonus due in May 1978, bonus in respect of the three years 1975-1977 inclusive will be paid on policies in the current bonus series becoming claims by death or maturity at the increased rate of £5.00% per annum compound (i.e. calculated on the sum assured and attaching bonuses).

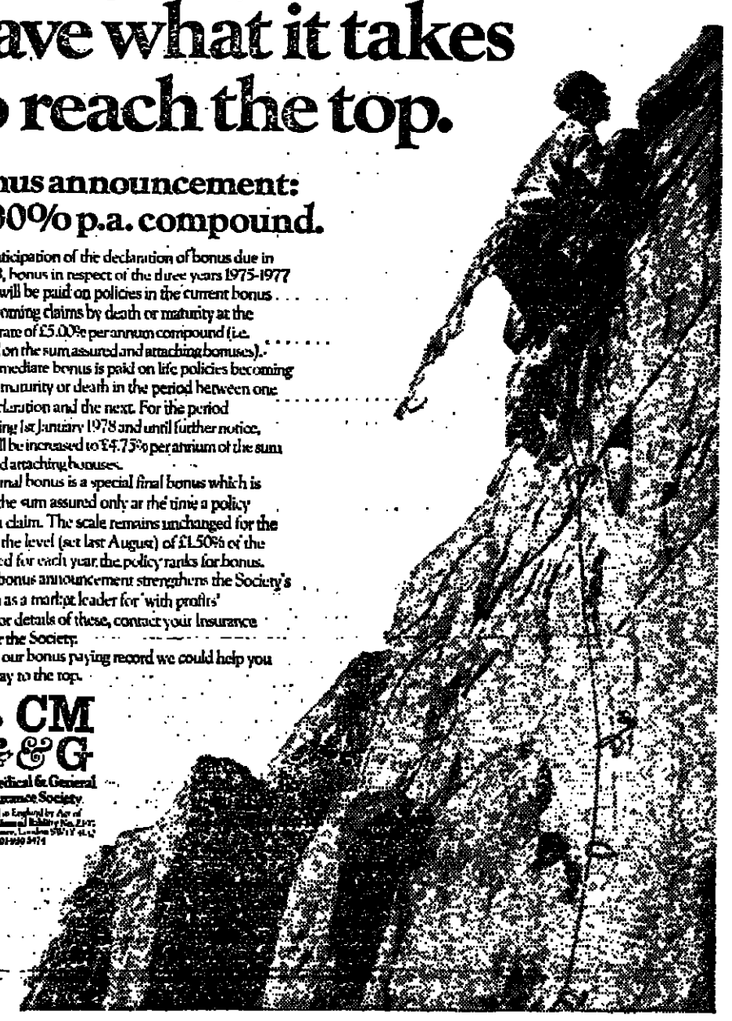
Intermediate bonus is paid on life policies becoming claims by maturity or death in the period between one bonus declaration and the next. For the period commencing 1st January 1978 and until further notice, the rate will be increased to £4.75% per annum of the sum assured and attaching bonuses.

Terminal bonus is a special final bonus which is added to the sum assured only at the time a policy becomes a claim. The scale remains unchanged for the present at the level (set last August) of £1.50% of the sum assured for each year the policy ranks for bonus.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Nervous start then equities attract support

As sterling fell back from the high levels of recent days it was the turn of equities to attract the most support.

The hope that moves to bolster the dollar would take away the upward pressure on the pound brought a better demand for the export-orientated index stocks, but dealers reported that the most impressive business was done among a wide range of second-line issues.

Nevertheless, after a cautious start support for the leaders was good enough to move the *FT* Index ahead 6.7 to 494.5, its best level of the day. An added incentive was the hope that the firemen's strike—seen by the market as an outstanding chore in an otherwise rosier industrial scene—is close to an end.

The weakness of the currency and the prospect of at least one new "tap" stock today outweighed interest rate hopes in the gilt-edged market where early losses at the longer end stretched up to a full point.

But sentiment improved as the day went on and as a few buyers appeared most stocks started to make up lost ground. By the end "longs" were around 50p down and at the shorter end losses ranged between one eighth and one quarter.

Among the "blue chips" **Glaxo** rose 12p to 605p with the help of a "bear" squeeze, while others to go strongly ahead were **ICI** 5p to 354p, **Fisons** 5p to 385p, **Unilever** 4p to 546p and **Beecham** 3p to 673p.

Prominent among big-name engineering issues were **John Brown**, which rose 8p to 240p in front of figures, **GKN**, which gained 6p to 274p, **Metal Box**, up 4p to 312p in spite of recent *criticism of its pricing*, **Tube Investments** 8p to 394p, and **Vickers** which soared 19p to 195p in the late trading in front of a statement denying agreement on nationalization terms.

The market is expecting some sort of Government statement on the subject after Parliament reassembles and there is talk of some sort of payment on account. This would be a source of disappointment to some, but nevertheless there was some demand for **Swan Hunter** at 154p, **Yarrow** at 284p and **Hawthorn Leslie** at 74½p, all a few pence better.

After a Xerox lunch **Rank** rose 10p to 264p in front of figures for which many estimates are now being upgraded. **Northern Engineering** rose 1½p to 88½p. The group is planning a seminar for northern institutions in Newcastle later this month and immediately after that a "teach-in" is planned by Panmure Gordon.

Both **Brown Brothers** at 20½p and **Armstrong Equipment** at 61p were subdued after a bearish circular on automotive components from Simon & Coates.

One of the sectors most positively affected by an easier pound was insurance brokers, with gains of up to 12p in some shares.

Over the past few weeks, prices have held up remarkably well despite market fears that the adverse affect of a weak dollar may be as great as the advantages the broking groups gained through a strong American currency in 1976.

But as the dollar went better yesterday it took the brokers up with it. **C. E. Heath** at 262p and **Sedgewick Forbes** at 345p put on 5p while gains of 2p were added to **Minet Holdings** at 168p and **Willis Faber** at 282p.

Star performer of this sector was **Matthews Wrightson** which jumped 12p to 207p. Concern over its shipping and insurance interest had left the share friendless over the past few months and much of the improvement was due to the stock faling back into line with the sector.

Of the composites **Sun Alliance** showed the biggest move, closing 10p to the good at 603p. **Royal Insurance** put on 8p to 425p while the **Prudential** continued its run of earlier this year, going 7p better to 170p.

Eagle Star at 164p, **General Accident** at 250p, **Pearl** at 252p and **Phoenix** at 288p all showed gains of a few pence.

Some colour was put back into the cheeks of bank shares. he "Big Four" all closed 10p higher boosting **National Westminster** to 298p, **Midland** to 398p, **Lloyds** to 298p and **Barclays**, one of the days active stocks, to 348p.

Of the overseas banks **Hong Kong and Shanghai** was the main mover adding 3p to close at 237p.

In breweries, **Vaux** climbed 9p to 408p on speculative interest, wile **Allied** lost 2p to close at 91p after annual results failed to meet market expectations. **Grand Metropolitan** went 1½p ahead to 108p on comment.

Among takeover and speculative stocks **Myson** gained 4p to 59p and **Manchester Garages** 4½p to 36p after news that a stake of more than 8 per cent had been acquired. **Coral Leisure** dipped 7p to 135p on further speculation, later confirmed, that the group was the bidder for the suspended **Pontins**.

Brocks Group at 74p is now considered a much better takeover prospect after the sale of its security interests and the consequent stronger balance sheet.

Two to benefit from favourable comment were **J. H. Fenner**, up 7p to 137p, and **Lake & Elliott** where the rise was 6p to 57p. **Norwest Holst** sprang to life in late trading to close 4p ahead at 85p while **De La Rue** added 12p to 562p now that most profits have been taken and in front of a share split due soon.

With newsprint prices now cheaper because of currency variations other papers to go ahead were **Reed International** 5p to 135p and **Associated Newspapers** which closed 4p to the good at 170p.

The latest to benefit from the prospect of cheaper overseas holidays was **Davies & Newman**, the airline operator which put on 7p to 119p.

Oils gathered strength again with **BP** rising 20p to 860p and **Shell** 10p to 530p. With the institutions taking a long-term view of **Ultramar** the shares gained 10p to 234p while **Tricentrol**, overcoming recent nervousness over possible Thistle Field delays, put on 5p to 177p. **Burmah**, also involved in the same field, closed three points better at 54p.

A sharp drop in the bullion price—down $5.57 to $166.30—knocked some of the gloss off gold shares. Of the heavyweights **Western Holdings** down £1½ to £131 and **Randfontein** down £1 11/16 at £29 1/16 showed the heaviest falls. **Free State Geduld**, and **President Steyn** also lost some of the gains made earlier this week.

In general, properties were not able to consolidate the gains of the recent past. But there were some isolated strong spots, notably **Bernard Sunley**, which finished 8p to the good at 208p, and **Lynton** where the gain was 6p to 126p. But **Evans of Leeds** lost 4p to 196p as profits were taken.

A cheerful statement from **S. & W. Berisford** helped the shares to respond with a rise of 5p to 223p but **Ratners** slipped 3p to 90p as profits were taken. **Fodens'** figures were good for a couple of pence rise at 60p.

Equity turnover on January 4 was £69.34m (14,715 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were BP, ICI, Shell, Ultramar, Barclays Bank, Lake & Elliott, Rank, Barker & Dobson, European Ferries, Burmah, Town & City, Furness Withy, Glynwed, John Brown and Coral Leisure.

Furness Withy jumped 16p to 344p on speculation that European Ferries had sold its 5 per cent stake to a potential bidder. But the cross-Channel operator told Business News last night that it had not done so and did not intend to.

A rise of 4p to 102½p in Glynwed shares sparked curious gossip that American group Bethlehem Steel has taken a 10 per cent plus stake. It is thought that over 500,000 shares have gone through the market in the past few days. The 1977 figures are normally published in April.

Mixed news on the Ladbroke Group front: The casino and bookmaking group has not exactly swept Leisure & General shareholders off their feet with a 60p a share bid. Holders of only 2m shares have accepted. The offer has been extended to January 13. But Ladbroke started off with 1.5m shares (14.6 per cent), and soon the group should report 1977 profits of as much as £25m against only £15.3m. The shares at 214p nudge the 1977-78 peak.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Allied Brew (F)	1,105.9(885.3)	77.2(63.0)	—(—)	2.6(2.4)	1/3	3.9(3.5)
Anston Hldgs (I)	0.36(0.45)	0.08(0.08)	0.012(0.012)	0.75(0.75)	24/2	—(2.4)
A. G. Barr (F)	18.1(19.1)	1.1(2.1)	—(—)	4.46(4.3)	7/2	6.4(5.7)
S. & W. Bford (F)	1,261.5(768.4)	23.5(13.5)	57.48(33.01)	4.75(3.75)	6/4	8.25(6.5)
Birmhm Pallet (F)	2.8(2.0)	0.14(0.15)	6.85(7.01)	4.1(4.0)	6/3	5.6(5.5)
Esper Trade (I)	18.2(15.9)	1.7(2.7)	7.5(13.1)	2.0(1.8)	—	—(5.05)
Fodens (I)	25.5(22.9)	1.27(0.34)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(2.43)
Howden Grp (I)	—(—)	1.56(1.54)	—(—)	0.93(0.93)	—	—(3.6)
Hollis Bros (I)	22.8(19.9)	1.0(1.1)	—(—)	1.17(1.05)	—	—(4.0)
Morgan Cruc (Q)	67.2(57.2)	9.2(6.7)	11.0(7.4)	—(—)	—	—(4.7)
Ratners (I)	5.9(4.3)	0.42(0.37)	—(—)	0.34(0.27)	—	—(0.82)
Smith Hollis (I)	—(—)	0.13(0.06)	—(—)	1.0(—)	15/2	—(—)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net.

Ratners dip as midterm falls below hopes

By Bryan Appleyard

Ratners (Jewellers), which emerged as one of 1977's glamour stocks, has produced interim figures below market hopes, pushing the shares down 3p to 90p.

Market talk of £500,000 pre-tax for the six months to October 6 against £375,000 last year was well above the actual figure of £421,000. Turnover, however, was up more substantially with a 37 per cent increase to £5.9m.

Mr Leslie Ratner, chairman, explained that first-half profits had been held back by higher overheads resulting from four new openings in the United Kingdom and two in Holland. He said these were particularly expensive stores compared with the relatively minor openings in the same period last year.

He added that the sales performance was specially encouraging in view of the state of the economy. Here Ratners has increased its market share.

Christmas had been outstanding, Mr Ratner said, and trade since then had been substantially up on last year.

During 1977 a good deal of excitement was generated around the shares by the revelation that H. Samuel had a near-20 per cent stake, but the holding was an old one and Mr Ratner sees little reason to expect a full-scale bid.

Finally shareholders are to receive their third scrip issue in a little over a year—this time in the form of one new share for every two held.

Overall profits for the year are expected to show a "satisfactory" increase on last year's £1.4m. The interim dividend is 0.5p gross.

New life business

Worldwide rise at Legal & Gen

An increase in worldwide life and pensions new business is reported by **Legal & General**, Britain's second largest life assurance group. In 1977, new annual premium income totalled £88.6m compared with £84.4m in 1976 and new single premiums totalled £21.3m (£20.4m). United Kingdom company pensions and group life business, excluding small pension arrangements, accounted for £55.9m (£54.2m) annual premiums and £17.9m (£18.8m) single premiums.

Total new premium income of *Sun Life for 1977 was a record* £45.7m (£33.4m). The 1977 total includes £3.5m from Solar Life Assurance.

In the two life branches at **Britannic Assurance** new annual premiums amounted to £13.2m (£11.4m) and single premiums £267,000 (£268,000) secured £231.3m (£204.7m) sums assured and £267,000 (£197,000) annuities.

UK Provident's new annual premiums increased by 51 per cent to £7.44m and single premiums by 95 per cent to £2.47m. *Ordinary life annual* premiums were £3.27m (£3.43m), but pension fund business grew to £4.17m (£1.50m).

Scottish Equitable reports new annual premiums amounting to £9.8m (£9.6m) and new single premiums of £15.3m (£6.1m). New sums assured were £166m (£176m).

New life business of **Time Assurance** for 1977 was new annual premiums £542,000 (£494,000) and new single premiums £1.8m (£2.09m). Total premiums and considerations were £5.01m (£5.02m).

New annual premiums of **Albany Life** for 1977 were £1.6m (£789,000) and single premiums £6.1m (£4.8m).

Currency changes bear down on Morga Crucible 3rd quarter

By Ray Maughan

Third-quarter growth at Morgan Crucible has slowed considerably in 1977 but the group is anxious that the effect of currency fluctuations on its high overseas sales content is not exaggerated.

Up 52 per cent at the six months' mark, pre-tax profits in the quarter to October 2 last grew by only 13 per cent on a year-on-year basis, leaving the nine months 36 per cent forward at £9.2m. This reflects the effects of absorbing currency changes and Mr Ian Weston Smith, chairman, also gives a warning that "the fourth quarter will likewise be affected by rates of exchange because 1977 sales and profits from overseas companies are consolidated at parities ruling at the end of the year".

In theory, the effects of currency changes should be most marked in the United States, but, in practice, Morgan's exports to that country are small while its wholly-owned subsidiary has achieved sufficient productivity gains to offset any currency-induced decline in trading margins.

Overseas sales, being either direct exports or turnover generated by subsidiaries abroad, accounted for 58 per cent of the total during the nine months and the group's



Mr Ian Weston Smith, c of Morgan Crucible.

markets in Continental came under intense com pressure from the sumi wards.

A readjustment of st work-in-progress valu accordance with accounting standards ha nine months' profits by £ pre-tax and the corres figures have been lif £345,000 on the same b

Stated earnings a climbed from 7.4p to share and Morgan sh capable of at least 14p full year.

Howden on course to hold its own

By Victor Felstead

Pre-tax profits of Glasgow-based Howden Group were virtually unchanged in the half-year to October 31—as they were in the preceding 12 months. At £1.56m they compare with £1.54m for the similar period of the previous year. Sir Norman Elliott, chairman, expects full-time result to be in line with 1976-77's £4.64m. But with a fall in the total attributable to minority interests, earnings a share should show an "appreciable" improvement. Meanwhile, the interim dividend is being held at 1.41p gross.

Sir Norman explains that the operating results of this engineering concern are being maintained at the level of 1976-77 and that liquidity continues good. Companies in the United Kingdom are showing an overall improvement in both turnover and profit, with the James Howden Group making an increased contribution and Howden Compressors showing a welcome recovery trend. Overseas, the Australian and South African groups are maintaining their profit contribution and this will continue in the second half.

Group pre-tax profits, therefore, have been maintained primarily through better figures from the United Kingdom companies and the lower trading losses in Howden Holima Refrigeration. Because of a combination of factors, there was a lower contribution from Howden Group North America.

Whessoe s on renew growth pa

By Michael Clark

A much improved or in the current year t to increase pre-tax p Whessoe, says Lord Err man, in his annual rep

Although last year th outlook was disappoi is now more probable the coming year there a resumption of ord nuclear power station would present substan ware fabrication and tion opportunities for t he added. If realize opportunities would longer-term continuity rent prospects of loading and volume.

The improved order b the group on a health especially in some heavy engineering, for rent year's activity ar tial profit, but here fabrication activity is cant exception.

In the last full yea tember 1977, Whesso up pre-tax profits fro to £3.4m on sales u per cent to £49.97m.

Light engineering's profit was about 28 lower on completed sa were only 7 per cent d last year's level refle increasingly difficult tr countered over the 12

The Aiton sub-grou further progress over l peak results with a 22 increase in trading p the year.

S & W Berisford jumps 74 pc and gives scrip

By Tony May

With its second half bringing in as big a profit as the first, S. & W. Berisford, the international food group, hoisted its pre-tax profits for the year to September 30 by 74 per cent to best-ever £23.5m. This was achieved on turnover 64 per cent up at £1.26m, and is accompanied by a straight one-for-one scrip.

The result reflects an across the board advance by the group. Also its newcomers have blossomed with Tom Martin Metals, which was bought in an agreed £14m deal in June 1976 pushing its profits up from £322,000 to £2.8m. This was not quite up to the board's best estimates so more is here. The other ac Edward Haigh (Wool) 175 per cent to £738,0 tax.

The board, headed Norman Castle, decide provide for deferred and the United King charge for 1977 is extinguished while a m of the deferred tax pro 1976 has been written b has cut the tax charge from £2.9m to £2.8m almost doubled net p £20.7m.

As forecast at the ti rights issue in May, dend is raised by one q 12.5p gross.

Good Christmas for three major US store chains

Chicago.—Sears Roebuck sales increased 21.3 per cent for the five weeks ended December 31 on the year before. The group said that the increase was $483,299,657, a record. Sales were $2,750m against $2,264m.

"We had predicted a record Christmas season", Mr Arthur M. Wood, chairman, said. "But sales continued to strengthen throughout December and surpassed our expectations."

Montgomery Ward, a unit of Mobil Corporation, increased 18.3 per cent in the same five weeks to $705.9m from $596.9m in the 1976 period.

J. C. Penney reported a 22.6 per cent increase in December sales. This was the largest monthly sales gain since April, 1973, and the best gain for December in more than 40 years.

Volume for the five weeks ended December 31 was a record $1.714 billion compared with $1.398 billion for the relatively strong December last year.—AP-Dow Jones.

International

CM industries grows

Paris.—CM-Industries, the French holding group with large interests in pharmaceuticals and to a lesser extent in food, has bought a controlling interest in Poulain, France's biggest producer of chocolates. Terms and other details were not disclosed, but the acquisition is said to involve more than 50 per cent of Poulain's capital. Poulain, with an annual turnover of 560m francs, has a 40 per cent interest in Interfood of Switzerland.—AP-Dow Jones.

Mr Khashoggi-Rolm

Santa Clara, California.—Rolm Corporation reports that Triad Venture Capital Corporation, owned beneficially by Saudi Entrepreneur, Mr Adnan N. Khashoggi has sold 141,820 shares in Rolm to certain private investors.

Based on current market value, the Rolm stock would be worth about $2m. However Rolm said that the private placement shares were sold below market value.

Terms were not disclosed. Rolm also did not disclose the names of the new investors. Rolm said it bought 16,820 of the shares for use in its employee stock benefit programme.

French chemical loss

Paris.—French state chemical firm CDF-Chimie probably made a loss in 1977 for the first time in five years. This is revealed by Mr Jean Petitmengin, chairman, in the group's news review.

In 1976 CDF-Chimie made a parent company profit of 10m francs. Consolidated turnover in 1977 rose 4.7 per cent to around 4.8 billion francs.

Reliant Motor picking u

The optimistic noises the last annual report o Motor Group have bee borne out by the re the latest period, th months to September

Pre-tax profits for t months are £229,000, £360,000 for the pre months. This was ach a turnover of £15.09 pared with £25.06m year. Trading profits motor side were just against £104,000. But t after charging redunda ments more than trebl £138,000 to £518,000 a crediting temporary ment subsidies dow £1.18m to £344,000.

The engineering trading profits were against the year's £25

For the third time there is no ordinary

Control of Reliant from the Standard C Bank last year to J. Securities, which now h under 77 per cent of t nary capital. It paid share. Reliant's earn share for the seven mon 0.6p, compared with the previous 12 mont Nash is well on the wa ing its takeover expend turned.

In 1975-76, Reliant pre-tax loss of £899,00

ALLIED BREWERIES LIMITED

Results for the 52 weeks ended 24th September 1977

The directors of Allied Breweries Limited announce the results for the 52 weeks ended 24th September 1977 and these, with the results for the previous year, are shown below.

The directors recommend a final dividend in respect of the financial year ended 24th September 1977 of 2.6828p per ordinary share making, with the interim dividend of 1.25p per share already paid, a total of 3.9328p per share. These dividends together with the associated tax credits are equivalent to a gross of 5.959p (last year 5.417p) which is an increase of 10% on the previous year. Subject to confirmation at the annual general meeting the final dividend will be paid on the 1st March 1978 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on the 27th January 1978.

Group Profit and Loss	1976/77 £m	1975/76 £m
Turnover (exclusive of VAT)	1,105.9	885.3
Trading surplus before depreciation	109.4	90.4
Depreciation	22.7	19.7
Trading profit	86.7	70.7
Investment income	4.5	4.0
Associated companies	2.0	2.0
	93.2	76.7
Finance charges	16.0	13.7
Profit before tax	77.2	63.0
Tax on above profit	35.0	31.1
	42.2	31.9
Minority interests	0.8	0.6
Preference dividends	0.4	0.4
Earned for ordinary shares from operations of the year	41.0	30.9
Foreign currency losses	(0.1)	(0.9)
Gains and losses arising other than from trading (less tax)	3.7	3.0
Available for ordinary dividend	44.6	33.0
Ordinary dividends		
Interim	6.6	5.4
Recommended final	14.1	11.6
	20.7	17.0
Profit retained transferred to revenue reserve	23.9	16.0
	44.6	33.0
Earnings per share from operations for the year	7.80p	6.40p

	1976/77 £m	1975/76 £m
Gains and losses arising other than from trading		
Surplus on disposal of properties (including surplus on revaluation now realised)	3.0	2.5
Surplus on redemption of debentures	0.7	0.8
Other	—	(0.3)
	3.7	3.0
Group Balance Sheet as at 24th September 1977		
Fixed assets	514.7	454.6
Investments and loans	51.2	45.8
Net current assets other than cash	147.5	89.1
	713.4	589.5
Net cash overdrawn	31.0	4.1
	682.4	585.4
Preference share capital	9.0	9.0
Ordinary share capital and reserves	433.8	316.3
Loan capital	189.9	151.3
Provision, deferred tax and minorities	49.7	108.8
	682.4	585.4
Increase in net equity		
Balance 25th September 1976	316.3	299.1
Share capital and premium	22.2	—
Retained profit	23.9	16.0
Exchange adjustments	(4.0)	1.8
Revaluation surplus on property disposals included in retained profit	(1.0)	(0.6)
Prior year stock adjustment	3.0	—
Reallocation from deferred tax	79.0	—
	439.4	316.3
Less Excess of cost of shares in new subsidiaries over book value of net assets	5.6	—
	433.8	316.3

New subsidiary companies
The results include the figures for Teacher (Distillers) Limited and Embassy Hotels (Hyde Park) Limited and their subsidiaries with effect from 1st October 1976 and the figures for Goldwell Limited and its subsidiary with effect from 2nd July 1977. The contributions to turnover and profit before tax from these companies in the 52 weeks results were £67.9million and £4.8million respectively.

Deferred tax
The group accounting policy on deferred tax has been changed. Deferred tax on all timing differences and stock relief continues to be charged in full in the profit and loss account but that part of the total possible liability that is unlikely to be payable in the foreseeable future has been released to shareholders' funds resulting in an increase to capital reserves of £79million.

Inflation accounting
Adjustments to financial results calculated in accordance with the interim recommendation of the Accounting Standards Committee are increased cost of sales £11.3million and increased depreciation £22.2million, less gearing adjustment £10.4million and together give a broad indication of the effect of rising costs on the profit before tax. Application of the recommendation on deferred tax set out in Exposure Draft 19 produces a reduction of £24.6million in the tax charge. The combination of all four adjustments indicates a marginal increase in earnings.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Setback at half-way stage at Esperanza

One reason for the £1m drop in pre-tax profits of Esperanza Trade & Transport to £1.7m for the six months to September 30 was the fall in copper prices. The other factor was that international services did not maintain the level of profits achieved last year. This reflects the downturn of certain sectors of the international trading, construction and shipping industry.

Turnover of the group, in which Guinness Peat has a 21.2 per cent stake and Rothschild Investment Trust 17.1 per cent, went up from £15.9m to £18.2m. The board remains convinced that prospects for the company's service interests are excellent and the dividend is raised from 2.76p to 3.03p gross.

Spink at £1m now happy with Weir

In the formal offer document from Andrew Weir group for Spink & Sons, the chairman, Mr P. J. Spink, gives the board's reasons for backing the £5m bid.

The directors have been feeling for some time that the group would do better if it were part of a substantial group with the resources for Spink to realize its potential. Also, the trustees of the Spink family trusts wish to diversify their holdings.

He adds that the group made about £1m before tax in 1977 against £600,000 a year earlier.

Heavier interest bill hits Hollis Bros

On turnover up 14 per cent to £22.87m in the half to September 30, Hollis Bros & ESA raised trading profits from £1.48m to £1.53m. But with the interest charge more than a third higher, pre-tax profits slipped 7 per cent to £1.02m. Meanwhile the board stresses the tough going in both the construction and educational industries, the group's largest market.

The better trading profit however indicates a broadening base when the upturn in its major markets appears. The interim dividend is up from 1.62 to 1.78p gross.

Briefly

BRIT INV TST

Stockholders faced with decision whether to accept 90p now or decline preference offer in hope that BIT will be wound up. Non-acceptances of pref offer involves risk of decline in market value.

PREMIER CONS OILFIELDS

US subsidiary, Bremco Petroleum has agreed to drill four gas wells on its Hoover Ranch leases at expense of American Public Energy of Dallas.

MARSHALL'S UNIVERSAL

Group has brought Whitmore-Northway for a minimum consideration of £275,000 of which £20,000 is to be satisfied by issue of 15,000 ord shares.

F. H. TOMKINS

Turnover for six months to October 31, £7.4m (£5.6m). Pre-tax profit £656,000 (£520,000). Interim dividend 0.53p gross (0.45p).

NTH BRIT TST-TST & AGENCY

Value of North British offer for new ord shares of Trust & Agency is 178.7p a share. This represents 118.5 per cent of certified net asset value.

HARTWELLS GROUP

A deal is being concluded which will result in Hartwells being the sole distributor of Leyland cars and commercial vehicles in Oxford district.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	7½%
Barclays Bank	7½%
Consolidated Crdts	7½%
First London Secs	7½%
C. Hoare & Co	*7%
Lloyds Bank	7%
London Mercantile	7%
Midland Bank	6¾%
Nat Westminster	7½%
Rossminster Acc's	7½%
Shenley Trust	9½%
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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
44	27	Airsprung Ord	39	—	4.2	10.8	7.3
150	100	Airsprung 18½% CULS	140	−1	18.4	13.2	—
39	25	Armitage & Rhodes	36	—	3.3	9.2	15.3
145	105	Bardon Hill	143	—	12.0	8.4	9.8
102	48	Deborah Ord	101	—	5.1	5.2	8.0
216	104	Deborah 17½% CULS	211	—	17.5	8.0	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	140	—	11.5	8.0	6.9
58	36	Jackson Group	45	−1	5.0	11.1	5.3
114	55	James Burrough	110	—	6.0	5.5	10.1
340	188	Robert Jenkins	315	—	27.0	8.5	5.3
24	8	Twinlock Ord	16	—	—	—	—
77	57	Twinlock 12% ULS	75	+2	12.0	16.0	—
73	51	Unilock Holdings	73	—	7.0	9.7	9.0
87	65	Walter Alexander	83	—	6.4	7.7	6.1

Commodities

COPPER.—Cash wire bars gained £13 on sterling weakness and three months put on £11.25.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £677.78 a metric ton; three months, £691.50-92.00. Sales, 7,200 tons. Cash cathodes, £665.50-66.50; three months, £680-81.00. Sales, 1,150 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars £668-69.50; three months, £683.50-84.00. Settlement, £669.50. Sales, 5,100 tons. Cash cathodes, £658-58.50; three months, £672.50-73. Settlement, £658.50. Sales, 1,000 tons.

SILVER gained about 5p in the ring.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot 254p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 481.8); three months, 257.4p (488.0c); six months, 261.8p (497.7c); one year, 271.7p (516.7c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash 257.1-57.3p, three months, 260.0-261.0p. Sales, 33 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 254-54.1p; three months, 257.8-57.9p. Settlement, 254.1p. Sales, 39 lots.

TIN was steadier.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,420-25 a metric ton; three months, £6,390-95. Sales, 790 tons. High grade, cash, £6,420-25; three months, £6,400-20. Sales, 70 tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,410-15; three months, £6,385-70. Settlement, £6,415. Sales, 320 tons. High grade, cash, £6,410-15; three months, £6,380-85. Settlement, £6,415. Sales, 25 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, SM1,691 a picul.

LEAD: Cash gained £3.25 and three months put on £4.25. Afternoon: Cash, £364-64.50 a metric ton; three months, £368-69. Sales, 750 tons. Morning: Cash, £364-64.50; three months, £368.25-68.50. Settlement, £364.50. Sales, 5,150 tons.

ZINC was steady. Afternoon: Cash, £287-88 a metric ton; three months, £295.50-94.00. Sales, 350 tons. Morning: Cash, £287.50-88.00; three months, £294-94.50. Settlement, £288. Sales, 1,950 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £98.50 ($185.50) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was hesitant (pence per kilo): Feb, 47.55-47.70; March, 48.20-48.50; April-June, 49.25-49.30; July-Sept, 50.05-50.90; Oct-Dec, 52.50-52.60; Jan-March, 54.20-54.25; April-June, 55.75-56.05; July-Sept, 57.65-57.75; Oct-Dec, 59.30-59.40. Sales, one lot at 5 tonnes; 169 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet. Spot, 47-48. Cifs, Feb, 47.75-48.00; March, 48-48.50.

COFFEE was barely steady. Jan, £1,798-1,915 per metric ton; March, £1,762-65; May, £1,605-08; July, £1,600-05; Sept, £1,622-25; Nov, £1,585-90; Jan, £1,545-75. Sales, 2,982 lots including 14 options.

PALM OIL was quiet.—Jan, £270-80 per metric ton; Feb, £270-80; March, £270-80; April, £260-77; May, £260-70; June, £260-70; July, £260-70; Aug, £260-70; Sept, £260-70.

COCOA was about steady.—March, £1,756-57 per metric ton; May, £1,622-24; July, £1,580-90; Sept, £1,556-60; Dec, £1,530-35; March, £1,500-10; May, £1,450-1,500. Sales, 2,118 lots including 14 options. ICCO prices: daily, 142.65c; 15-day average, 145.84c; 22-day average, 144.75c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were quiet. The London daily price of "raws" was unchanged at £107; the "whites" price was £3 higher at £114.—March, £119.50-19.75 per metric ton; May, £124.30-24.40; Aug, £127.35-27.45; Oct, £131-31.15; Dec, £134-34.15; March, £137.50-38.00; May, £139.75-40.50. Sales: 2,766 lots. ISA prices: 8.54c; 15-day average 8.16c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet.—Feb, £110-10 per metric ton; April, £113.50-14.00; June, £112-13; Aug, £112.50-13.50; Oct, £111.50-13.00; Dec, £109-12; Feb, £109-13. Sales: 61 lots.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—March, 237.5-40.0; May, 235-38; July, 235-39; Oct, 239-42; Dec, 240-40; March, 242-46; May, 244-48; July, 244-48. Sales, 2 lots.

JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Jan-Feb, $455 per long ton. "D" grade, Jan-Feb, $438. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, spot, Rs670 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs670.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—**WHEAT.**—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent, Jan, £84.25; Feb and March, £85.75 Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Jan, £80.75; Feb, £81.75 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: Jan, £96.50; Feb, £99.75 trans-shipment east coast.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY: Old crop steady; new crop barely steady: Jan, £70.50; March, £72.45; May, £74.75; Sept, £77; Nov, £79.30. Sales, 51 lots. WHEAT: Old crop steady; new crop barely steady: Jan, £81.40; March, £82.55; May, £84.50; Sept, £81.50; Nov, £83.95. Sales, 125 lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices:

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
S Lincs	£88.50	£73.20	£68.80
Wilts	—	£69.90	£67.90

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 5.—GB: Cattle 59.45p per kg lw (+0.82). UK: Sheep 128.9p per kg est dcw (−5.2). GB: Pigs 57.0p per kg lw (−3.2). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 20.9 per cent, average price 60.0p (+0.86). Sheep numbers up 25.7 per cent, average price 129.3p (−2.9). Pig numbers up 45.4 per cent, average price 57.0p (−3.2). Scotland: Cattle average price 57.72p (+1.63). Sheep average price 124.4p (+12.2). No Scottish number changes due to holiday.

Foreign Exchange

Active trading conditions prevailed throughout the session yesterday with sterling predictably falling sharply, following the United States Treasury decision on Wednesday to activate swap line with the Bundesbank. At the close the pound finished off the bottom but still showed a very substantial fall of more than 7½ cents at $1.8880 compared with $1.9620 overnight. The highest level sterling reached was $1.9050 and its lowest was around the level plumbed in New York on Wednesday night of $1.8750. The effective exchange index meanwhile was trimmed back to 64.7 against Wednesday's close of 66.2.

Gold lost $5.75 an ounce to close in London at $166.125.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) January 5	Market rates (close) January 5
New York	$1.8750-9100	$1.8870-8890
Montreal	$2.0550-0930	$2.0655-0675
Amsterdam	4.34-38fl	4.34½-36½fl
Brussels	63.35-63.50fr	63.36-40fr
Copenhagen	11.03-17k	11.09½-10½k
Frankfurt	4.03-09m	4.06½-06½m
Lisbon	76.20-77.00e	76.30-70e
Madrid	153.60-154.00p	153.10-30p
Milan	1,642-62lr	1,652½-54½lr
Oslo	9.76-88k	9.85½-87½k
Paris	8.86-9.01f	8.97½-99½f
Stockholm	8.87-97k	8.91½-93½k
Tokyo	450-65y	454-56y
Vienna	28.90-29.30sch	29.10-25sch
Zurich	3.80-90f	3.84½-86½f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, was down 1.5 at 64.7.

Discount market

Lombard Street encountered a massive shortage of day-to-day credit yesterday. The Bank of England gave help on an exceptionally large scale (something over £250m), but this still was not fully sufficient to take out the shortage.

Part of the assistance was by way of moderate seven-day lending at MLR, providing the Bank with the opportunity to reinforce Wednesday's message for restraint in the downward pressure on money market interest rates.

Dealers were still convinced that a cut of ¼ per cent to 6¾ per cent in MLR today would be acceptable to the authorities. The Bank also lent an exceptionally large sum overnight. Eight or nine houses participated in the lending, all of which was at 7 per cent MLR.

In addition, the Bank bought a large amount of Treasury bills and a small number of local authority bills directly from houses in need.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.03c prem-.07c disc	.08-.18c disc
Montreal	.03c prem-.07c disc	.05-.16c disc
Amsterdam	¾c prem-¼c disc	1½-¾c prem
Brussels	10-25c disc	35-50c disc
Copenhagen	13½-15½ore disc	33½-35½ore disc
Frankfurt	1¼-¾pf prem	4¼-3½pf prem
Lisbon	55-155c disc	320-620c disc
Madrid	80-150c disc	350-450c disc
Milan	15-23lr disc	43-49lr disc
Oslo	16¼-18¼ore disc	39¼-41¼ore disc
Paris	3¼-4¼c disc	12¼-13¼c disc
Stockholm	7¼-9¼ore disc	19¼-21¼ore disc
Vienna	10-25gro disc	35-58gro disc
Zurich	2¼-1¾c prem	5¾-4¾c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9133-36.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6¼-6¾; seven days, 6¼-7; one month, 6⅞-7⅛; three months, 7-7¼; six months, 7⅛-7⅜.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $166.3 (an ounce); pm, $165.7. Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $170-173 (£90¼-91¼); resident, $170-173 (£90¼-91¼). Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $51½-53½ (£27¼-28¼); resident, $50½-52½ (£27-28).

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 7%
(Last changed 25/11/77)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 6¾-7½%

Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: High 7 Low 6¾
Week Fixed: 6¾-6⅞

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	5⅝	2 months	5½
3 months	5⅝	3 months	5½

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	6⅛-6⅛	3 months	6¾
3 months	6⅛-5⅞	4 months	6¾
4 months	6⅛-5⅞	6 months	6¾
6 months	6⅛-5⅞		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	6¼-5¾	7 months	6¼-5¾
2 months	6¼-5¾	8 months	6¼-5¾
3 months	6¼-5¾	9 months	6¼-6¼
4 months	6¼-5¾	10 months	6¼-6¼
5 months	6¼-5¾	11 months	6¼-6¼
6 months	6¼-5¾	12 months	7-6½

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	6¾-6⅝	6 months	6¾-6⅝
3 months	6¾-6⅝	12 months	6⅞-6¾

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	6¾	3 months	6¾
7 days	6¾	6 months	6¾-6⅝
1 month	6¼-6⅝	1 year	6⅞

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 7-6¼ Close 6¼

1 week	7-6⅞	6 months	6¾-6⅝
1 month	6¾-6⅝	9 months	6⅞-6¾
3 months	6¾-6⅝	12 months	6⅞-7

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)
3 months 6⅝ 6 months 7

Finance House Base Rate 6½%

Wall Street

New York, Jan 5.—The New York Stock Exchange closed lower despite a recovery in the dollar on foreign exchanges.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 8.66 points to 804.32. It was ahead six points in early trading.

Some 830 issues declined, with about 550 gaining. Volume totalled 23,510,000 shares.

Brokers attributed late selling to doubts about whether the dollar can sustain its recovery.

They said many investors were wary because basic problems behind the dollar's deterioration—such as a chronic United States trade deficit—have not been solved.

The market's retreat picked up following a report that some money market participants abroad were also sceptical about the dollar's outlook.

One foreign dealer said the dollar's decline had been so excessive, a recovery was likely even without United States intervention.

Silver closes 7..70 up

New York, Jan. 5. COMEX SILVER futures rallied from earlier lows when gold showed signs of stabilizing at the lower levels. Prices closed near day's highs with gains of 7.70 cents to 7.10 cents an ounce. Jan, 488.80c; Feb, 491.10c; March, 494.50c; May, 500.80c; July, 507.40c; Sept, 514.00c; Dec, 523.90c; Jan, 527.30c; March, 534.00c; May, 540.50c; July, 547.20c; Sept, 554.00c. Handy and Harman 482.70c (previous 491.80c). Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$5.52 (previous Can$5.382).

GOLD. Futures close higher. On the Comex prices were $2.90 to $2.80 higher. Prices on the IMM were $4.30 higher to 50 cents lower. NY COMEX: Jan, $169.80; Feb, $171.80; March, $171.80; April, $173.00; June, $175.30; Aug, $177.6½; Oct, $179.90; Dec, $183.30; Feb, $184.80; April, $187.30; June, $189.90; Aug, $192.50; Oct, $195.10. CHICAGO IMM: March, $172.30-171.90; June, $175.70-175.40; Sept, $179.30-179.10 asked; Dec, $183.10-182.80 asked; March, $186.20; June, $189.80; Sept, $193.50 bid.

COPPER.—Futures closed steady 10 points up. Jan, 59.90c; Feb, 60.20c; March, 60.60c; May, 61.60c; July, 62.60c; Sept, 63.60c; Dec, 64.80c; Jan, 65.30c; March, 66.30c; May, 67.10c; July, 68.00c; Sept, 68.90c.

SUGAR.—Futures in No 11 contract were: March, 9.14-15c; May, 9.56-57c; July, 9.78c; Sept, 9.94-98c; Oct, 10.13c; Jan, 10.57c; March, 10.69-0.73c; May, 10.85-0.86c.

COTTON. Futures were: Mar, 53.95-4.00c; May, 54.90c; July, 55.65-80c; Oct, 56.85c; Dec, 57.60c; March, 58.10-25c; May, 58.50-65c.

COFFEE. Futures in "C" contract were: March, 195.00c; May, 183.50c; July, 178.25c; Sept, 171.50c; Dec, 157.00-8.00c; March, 154.00-5.00c; May, 155.00c asked.

COCOA. Prices closed 1.30 to 0.40 cents down: March, 142.50c; May, 132.50c; July, 137.85c; Sept, 135.35c; Dec, 122.25c; March, 120.10c; May, 119.05c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Meal futures were down $5.90 to $2.10 a ton and Oil futures were off 0.15 to 0.04 cents a lb. SOYABEANS: Jan, 585-85½c; March, 593½-95½c; May, 603-01½c; July, 608½-09½c; Aug, 608-09c; Sept, 592-92½c; Nov, 588-88½c; Jan, 594½c.

	Jan 5	Jan 4		Jan 5	Jan 4		Jan 5	Jan 4
Allied Chem	41⅞	42⅛	Fst Penn Corp	16⅜	16½	Republic Steel	22⅝	22½
Allied Stores	21	21¼	Ford	43⅛	44½	Reynolds Ind	58⅛	58⅞
Allied Supermkt	2⅜	2⅜	GAF Corp	10⅞	11	Reynolds Metal	31⅜	32
Allis Chalmers	24⅛	24½	Gamble Skogmo	25⅝	26½	Rockwell Int	28½	29½
Alcoa	44	44⅝	Gen Dynamics	48½	49½	Royal Dutch	58⅛	58¼
Amax Inc	35⅛	36⅛	Gen Electric	48⅝	49⅛	Safeways	39⅛	40
Amerada Hess	26⅛	26⅞	Gen Foods	31⅛	31⅛	St Regis Paper	30⅛	30
Am Airlines	10	10⅛	Gen Mills	29⅛	30	Santa Fe Ind	38⅛	39⅛
Am Brands	42⅞	42⅛	Gen Motors	60⅞	61⅛	SCM	17	17⅛
Am Broadcast	39⅝	40	Gen Pub Util NY	21	20⅞	Schlumberger	71	71⅜
Am Can	38⅜	38⅝	Gen Tel Elec	30⅞	30⅞	Scott Paper	13½	13⅝
Am Cyanamid	25⅞	26	Gen Tire	23	22⅞	Seaboard Coast	33½	34
Am Elec Power	24⅜	24⅛	Genesco	4	3⅞	Seagram	21⅝	22
Am Home	27⅝	27⅞	Georgia Pacific	26¾	27	Sears Roebuck	26½	27¼
Am Motors	3⅝	3⅝	Getty Oil	171⅛	170½	Shell Oil	32⅜	33
Am Nat Res	44⅛	44⅝	Gillette	24	24⅛	Shell Trans	40⅛	40⅛
Am Standard	37	37⅝	Goodrich	19⅝	20⅛	Signal Co	30⅛	30⅝
Am Telephone	60	60⅛	Goodyear	17	17⅛	Singer	19⅞	20
AMF Inc	16⅞	17	Gould Inc	27⅝	27⅞	Sony	7⅛	7⅛
Armco Steel	28⅛	27⅞	Grace	26⅝	26⅞	Sth Cal Edison	26½	26⅝
Asarco	14⅝	14⅜	Gt Atlic & Pacific	5⅝	5⅞	Southern Pacific	34	34⅛
Ashland Oil	30⅞	31⅛	Greyhound	13	13	Southern Rly.	48	48⅛
Atlantic Richfield	48⅜	49⅜	Grumman Corp	18⅝	19⅛	Sperry Rand	33¾	34
Avco	16⅞	17⅝	Gulf Oil	26⅝	26⅝	Squibb	29⅛	29⅞
Avon Products	46⅞	47⅛	Gulf & West	11⅛	11⅛	Std Brands	25⅛	25⅛
Babcock & Wcox	57⅛	57⅛	Heinz H. J.	35⅛	35⅛	Std Oil Califnia	37⅝	37⅞
Bankers Tst NY	34⅛	34⅛	Hercules	15⅛	15⅛	Std Oil Indiana	47½	48
Bank of America	22⅜	22⅝	Honeywell	44⅛	44⅞	Std Oil Ohio	70⅞	70⅞
Bank of NY	30⅛	30⅛	IC Inds	24⅛	24⅛	Sterling Drug	14⅞	14⅞
Beatrice Foods	24⅛	24⅛	Ingersoll	58⅜	58	Stevens J. P.	15⅛	15⅛
Bell & Howell	14⅞	15⅛	Inland Steel	38⅞	38⅞	Stude Worth	43⅝	46⅛
Bendix	36⅛	36⅛	IBM	266⅞	270⅛	Sunbeam Corp	19⅞	20
Bethlehem Steel	21⅛	21⅝	Int Harvester	29⅛	29⅛	Sun Comp	41⅛	41½
Boeing	27⅜	27⅛	INCO	16⅞	17⅛	Sundstrand	34⅛	34½
Boise Cascade	25	25⅛	Int Paper	41⅛	42⅛	Teledyne	58⅛	60
Borden	30⅝	31⅛	Int Tel Tel	30⅛	31⅛	Tenneco	30	30⅛
Borg Warner	27⅞	27⅞	Jewel Co	19⅛	19⅛	Texaco	26⅞	27
Bristol Myers	32⅜	33	Jim Walter	30⅛	30⅛	Texas East Trans	45	45½
BP	16⅛	16⅛	Johns-Manville	31½	31½	Texas Inst	70½	71⅛
Budd	24	23⅝	Johnson & John	73⅛	75⅛	Texas Utilities	21⅛	21⅛
Burlington Ind	20⅛	20⅝	Kaiser Alumin	31	31⅛	Textron	26⅛	26⅛
Burlington Nthn	41	40⅝	Kennecott	21⅛	21⅛	TWA	10⅛	10
Burroughs	70⅜	72	Kerr McGee	46½	46⅛	Travelers Corp	30⅛	30⅛
Campbell Soup	33⅜	33⅝	Kimberly Clark	41⅛	42⅛	TRW Inc	31⅛	32
Canadian Pacific	15⅞	15⅞	Kraftco Corp	44⅛	45⅛	UAL Inc	20⅛	20⅛
Caterpillar	53⅛	53⅞	K Mart	26½	26⅛	Unilever Ltd	40⅛	40⅛
Celanese	40⅛	40⅛	Kroger	28½	28½	Unilever NV	53⅛	54⅛
Central Soya	13⅞	13⅛	Ligget Group	27⅞	28⅛	Union Bancorp	13	13
Charter NY	28	28	L.T.V. Corp	6⅛	6⅛	Union Carbide	40⅛	40⅛
Chase Manhat	28⅜	28⅛	Litton	14⅛	14⅛	Union Oil Calif	50⅛	51⅛
Chem Bank NY	41⅛	41⅛	Lockheed	13⅞	14⅛	Un Pacific Corp	47½	48
Chesapeake Ohio	32⅝	32⅛	Lucky Stores	14	14	Uniroyal	8⅛	8⅛
Chrysler	12⅞	12⅞	Manuf Hanover	32⅛	32⅛	United Brands.	7⅛	7⅛
Citicorp	22⅜	22⅛	Mapco	25⅛	25⅛	US Industries	7⅛	7⅛
Cities Service	51⅜	51⅞	Marathon Oil	47⅛	47⅛	US Steel	31⅛	31⅛
Clark Equip	35⅞	36⅛	Marine Midland	12⅛	12⅛	Utd Technol	35⅛	35⅛
Coca Cola	36⅜	36⅛	Martin Marietta	24⅛	24⅛	Wachovia	15⅛	16⅛
Colgate	21⅛	21⅛	McDonnell	21	21⅛	Warner Comm	32⅛	32⅛
CBS	48⅛	49⅜	Mead	21	21⅛	Warner Lambert	25⅛	26
Columbia Gas	28⅛	28⅜	Merck	53⅞	54½	Wells Fargo	28½	28⅛
Combustion Eng	36⅛	36⅞	Minnesota Mng	47⅛	47	West'n Bancorp	32	31⅛
Comwlth Edison	28⅛	28⅝	Mobil Oil	60⅞	63⅛	Westnghse Elec	17⅞	17⅞
Cons Edison	23⅞	23⅞	Monsanto	55	56⅛	Weyerhaeuser	26⅛	26⅛
Cons Foods	24⅛	24⅞	Morgan J. P.	42½	42½	Whirlpool	21⅛	22⅛
Cons Power	23⅛	23⅛	Motorola	36⅛	36⅛	White Motor	7⅛	7⅛
Continental Grp	33⅜	33⅛	NCR Corp	37⅛	38⅛	Woolworth	18⅛	18⅛
Continental Oil	28⅛	28⅛	NL Industries	17⅛	17⅛	Xerox Corp	45⅛	46⅛
Control Data	26⅛	27⅛	Nabisco	47⅛	46⅛	Zenith	13⅛	13⅛
Corning Glass	50⅞	51⅜	Nat Distillers	21	20⅛			
CPC Intl	45⅛	45⅛	Nat Steel	33⅛	33⅛			
Crane	25⅛	25⅝	Norfolk West	28⅛	28⅛			
Crocker Int	24⅛	24⅛	NW Bancorp	22⅛	22⅛			
Crown Zeller	33⅛	33⅞	Norton Simon	18⅛	18⅛			
Dart Ind	36	36⅝	Occidental Pet	22⅛	22⅛			
Deere	24⅞	24⅛	Ogden	25⅛	25⅛			
Del Monte	25⅛	25⅞	Olin Corp	16⅛	16⅛			
Delta Air	38⅝	39	Owens-Illinois	22⅛	23			
Detroit Edison	16⅛	16⅛	Pacific Gas Elec	24	23⅛			
Disney	39⅛	39	Pan Am	5	5			
Dow Chemical	25⅛	26⅛	Penney J. C.	35⅛	35⅛			
Dresser Ind	43⅛	43⅛	Pennzoil	28	28			
Duke Power	21⅛	21⅛	Pepsico	27⅛	27⅛			
Du Pont	112⅜	116⅛	Pet Inc	34⅛	35⅛			
Eastern Air	6	6	Pfizer	27⅛	28			
Eastman Kodak	49⅛	50⅛	Phelps Dodge	21⅛	21			
Eaton Corp	36⅛	36	Philip Morris	59⅞	60			
El Paso Nat Gas	16⅛	16⅛	Phillips Petrol	30⅛	30⅛			
Equitable Life	26⅛	26⅛	Polaroid	25⅛	26			
Esmark	29⅛	29⅛	PPG Ind	26⅛	26⅛			
Evans P. D.	16⅛	16⅛	Proctor Gamble	83⅛	84⅛			
Exxon Corp	46	46⅛	Pub Ser El & Gas	22⅛	22⅛			
Fed Dept Stores	38⅛	38⅛	Pullman	27⅛	28			
Firestone	15⅛	16⅛	Rapid American	6	5⅞			
Fst Chicago	18⅛	18⅛	Raytheon	32⅛	32⅛			
Fst Nat Boston	24⅛	25	RCA Corp	24⅛	25⅛			

Canadian Prices

	Jan 5	Jan 4
Abitibi	10⅛	10⅛
Alcan Alumin	28	28⅛
Algoma Steel	14⅛	14⅛
Bell Telephone	54⅛	53⅛
Cominco	28⅛	28⅛
Cons Bathurst	21⅛	21⅛
Falconbridge	19⅛	19⅛
Gulf Oil	28⅛	28⅛
Hawker/Sid Can	6.25	6.38
Hudson Bay Min	16⅛	16⅛
Hudson Bay Oil	44⅛	47⅛
Imasco	30⅛	30⅛
Imperial Oil	20⅛	20⅛
Int Pipe	14	13⅛
Mass.-Fergsn	15⅛	15⅛
Royal Trust	18⅛	18⅛
Seagram	24	24
Steel Co	24⅛	24⅛
Talcorp	8⅛	8⅛
Thomson N 'A'	12	13⅛
Walker Hiram	29⅛	29⅛
WCT	34⅛	34⅛

* Ex div. a Asked c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9075 (1.8750); three months, 1.9094 (1.8773); Canadian dollar, 91.74 (91.23).

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 804.92 (813.58); transportation, 213.97 (215.43); utilities, 110.52 (110.75); 65 stocks, 280.71 (282.97).

New York Stock Exchange index, 51.25 (51.63); industrials, 54.88 (55.40); transportation, 39.72 (40.05); utilities, 40.18 (40.18); financial, 52.62 (52.84).

SOYABEAN OIL: Jan, 20.30-35c; March, 20.68-61c; May, 20.85-75c; July, 20.09c; Aug, 20.85c; Sept, 20.60-70c; Oct, 20.30-35c; Dec, 20.25-20c; Jan, 20.15-20c. **SOYABEAN MEAL**: Jan, $161.70; March, $162.00-1.80; May, $164.20; July, $167.20-7.00; Aug, $167.50; Sept, $164.50-5.0; Oct, $163.00-3.50; Dec, $163.50.

CHICAGO GRAINS. WHEAT, March, 273½-¾c; May, 279¾-½c; July, 284-84½c; Sept, 289½-90c; Dec, 295½-96c; March, 302¾c. CORN, March, 222-21½c; May, 225¾-½c; July, 227¾-½c; Sept, 228¾c; Dec, 229¾-½c; March, 236¾c. OATS, March, 129¾c; May, 133¾c asked; July, 134¾c; Sept, 136¾c; Dec, 137¾c asked.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)

	Bid	Offer
Australia 7½ 1984	96¾	97
Australia 8¼ 1992	96¾	97
Aust Mining 9¼ 1992	99	99½
Avco 9 1985	100¾	101
Barclays 8½ 1992	97¾	98¼
Bowater 9¼ 1992	98¾	99½
British Gas 9 1981	102¾	103¼
Citicorp 6¾ 1980	97	97½
Citicorp 7 1981	97	97½
CECA 8½ 1989	97	98¼
CECA 8¾ 1997	98	98¼
DSM 8½ 1987	96¾	97
Elf Aquitaine 8½ 1985	97	97½
EIB 8½ 1987	97½	98¼
EEC 7¾ 1984	96¾	97¼
Fisons 8½ 1992	96	96¾
Gotaverken 7¾ 1982	98½	99¼
Gotaverken 8½ 1987	95½	96½
Hydro Quebec 9 1992	97½	98¼
ICI 8¾ 1987	97½	98¼
I.U. O/seas 8½ 1987	97	97½
Light-Services 9 1982	97¾	98¼
MacMillan Bloed 9 1992	99¼	100
Midland Int 8½ 1992	98	98½
NCB 8 1987	95½	96¼
Nat West 9 1986	103	103½
New Zealand DFC 7½ 1984	96	96½
Nippon Fudosan 8 1981	99½	100¼
Occidental 8½ 1987	98¾	99¼
Occidental 9¼ 1981	102½	103¼
Offshore Mining 8¼ 1985	97¾	98¼
Quebec 9 1995	97	97½
Rank Hovis 9 1992	96¼	97
R. J. Reynolds 7¾ 1982	98½	99¼
Sandvik 8½ 1986	100½	101¼
Statsforetag 7¾ 1982	97¼	98
Sundsvall 8½ 1987	99	99½
Sweden 7¾ 1982	97½	98¼
Sweden 8½ 1987	97	97½
Tauernautobahn 8½ 1987	98	98½
Walter Kidde 8½ 1987	98	98½
Carnation 4 1988	78	80
Chevron 5 1988	131	133
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	84½	86½
Fairchild Camera 5½ 1991	80	82
Ford 5 1988	82	84
Ford 6 1986	95½	97½
General Electric 4¼ 1987	81	83
Gillette 4¾ 1987	77	79
Gould 5 1987	109½	111½
Gulf & Western 5 1988	76	78
Honeywell 6 1986	85½	87½
ICI 6¾ 1997	87½	88½
INA 6 1997	94½	95½
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	105½	107
ITT 4½ 1987	76	78
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	167½	169½
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	117½	119½
J. P. Morgan 4½ 1987	95	97
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	98	100
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	74½	76½
Revlon 4¾ 1987	111½	113½
Reynolds Metals 5 1986	85	87
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	84½	86½
Squibb 4¾ 1987	77½	79½
Sumitomo Electric 6 1992	119½	121
Texaco 4¾ 1988	75	77
Union Bank of Switz 4¾ 1987	127	129
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	79	81
Xerox Corp 5 1988	76	78

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

FLOATING RATE NOTES

	Bid	Offer
Andelsbanken 7 1984	96¼	96¾
CCF 6¼ 1985	99	99½
IBJ 6¼ 1982	99¾	99¾
[illegible] B 6¾ 1982	99½	99¾
OKB 6¼ 1985	99½	99¾
Soc Gen 7 9/16 1984	97¾	97¾

CANADIAN DOLLARS

	Bid	Offer
Avco 9¼ 1982	99¾	100¼
BM-RT 8½ 1982	98¾	99¼
Ford 8¼ 1984	99½	100
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	99½	100½
Rank 9½ 1982	100¾	101¼
Walter Heller 9½ 1984	99½	100¼

DEUTSCHE MARKS

	Bid	Offer
CFP 6¾ 1.7.87	101	101½
ICI 6¾ 1.5.87	104¼	105
New Zealand 6¾ 1.5.84	104	104¾
Phym 6¾ 1.9.89	101¼	102
Quebec Hydro 6½ 16.8.87	100¾	101½

US $ CONVERTIBLES

	Bid	Offer
American Express 4¼ 1987	79½	81½
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	94	96½
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	109½	111½
Beecham 6¾ 1992	101	102
Borden 6¾ 1991	109½	111½

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Bath (City of) 11¾% 1985 (£99½)	£33¾+¼
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Grampian Reg Cncl 10¾% 1985 (£99)	161+¼
Holden (Arthur) 25p Ord (53)	66+1
Mid Kent Wtr 7% 1982 (£a)	£12⅛
St Helens 11¼% 1985 (£99¼)	£35¼+¼
Yerkes (Benry) 25p Ord	104
Treasury 10¼% 1999 (£96)	£15¼+¼

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Nat Bnk of Aust (A$1.75)	Mar 3	50 prem-3

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £3 paid. h £50 paid. i £40 paid. j £80 paid.

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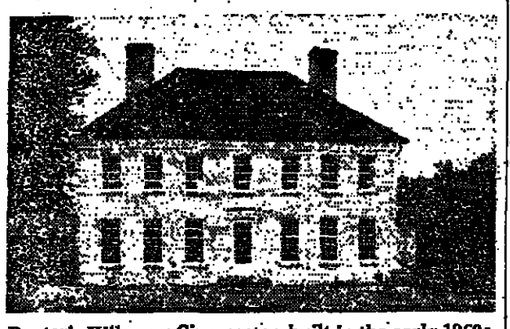
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Property

Changing fashions in the country



Punter's Hill, near Cirencester, built in the early 1960s.

One of the more fascinating aspects of so many old country houses is the way in which they have been changed and enlarged over the years, reflecting changing architectural and social fashions. On occasions, perhaps, such mixed-period buildings may have something of a patched-together look, but *more often than not the passing* of the years has mellowed the building into one single entity with a high degree of character.

One interesting such property is the former vicarage at Puddletown, near Dorchester, which Humberts, of Blandford, are selling for the Salisbury *Diocesan Parsonages Board.*

The house has a grade two listing as being of special architectural or historic interest and is thought to date basically from the early seventeenth century, although the main part is Georgian. Walls are of brick under a roof which is mostly tiled and features include an unusually good staircase, some panelling and well proportioned sash windows.

There are two main reception rooms, a study, a breakfast room, six bedrooms and three attic rooms. Grounds of about one acre are entirely walled. The property is in need of some improvement and redecoration, but is expected to attract bids of between £40,000 and £50,000 when it comes to auction in February.

Interesting, too, is a property called Queen Anne House, part of Westwood Place, at Normandy, near Guildford, Surrey. *Westwood Place itself is a large* country house attributable to Tudor, Queen Anne, Georgian and Regency periods.

In 1965 it was divided to form six self-contained houses and on offer now is the Queen Anne section. There are a kitchen and dining room downstairs, a drawing room and study or fourth bedroom, plus a main bedroom on the first floor and two further bedrooms on the second.

At this level there is also a terrace. There is a private garden, partly walled, of about half an acre, which goes with the property. Offers about £45,000 are being asked for a lease with 187 years unexpired. The agents are Messenger May Baverstock, of Guildford.

An unusual architectural blend is also provided by The Malt House, in Church End, Haddenham, Buckinghamshire. The rear part is probably of mid-seventeenth century origins, built of stone and old brick under a tiled roof, but because of a fire in the eighteenth century the entire front part was rebuilt in a classically Georgian style, giving the well proportioned rooms of the period.

There are two main reception rooms, a study, morning room or library and five bedrooms. Extensive outbuildings, which include an old coach house and stable block, are grouped round a cobbled yard reached through a covered archway. The garden is about half an acre and includes an old Victorian summer house. Offers of about £70,000 are being asked through John D. Wood.

Also with extensive outbuildings is Owens Farm, at Hook, near Basingstoke, Hampshire, a brick and tile building believed to have had Queen Anne origins, with later additions.

There is a drawing room some 32ft long with exposed beams and timber supports and an open fireplace, a dining room, playroom and six bedrooms. Outbuildings include a granary on staddle stones and a large brick and timber barn large enough to provide garaging for five cars. *There are gardens* around the house and a paddock of about 4½ acres. The price is £57,000 through Pearsons, of Basingstoke.

Modern, but in an elegant Georgian style is Punter's Hill, on the edge of the village of Woodmancote, about five miles from Cirencester. It was built in the early 1960s as the dower house for a large agricultural and sporting estate and is a pleasing blend of modern building with the good proportions of the earlier style.

It has three reception rooms, a staff sitting room and five bedrooms. Grounds of about 1¼ acres include a partly terraced garden and a paddock. The price will be about £55,000 and the agents are Jackson-Stops and Staff, of Cirencester.

An interesting smaller property in good hunting country is Bullocks Horn House, near Charlton, some five miles from Malmesbury, Wiltshire. Built of stone, it has only recently been converted and enlarged from an old cottage and has two reception rooms, a combined kitchen and breakfast room and three bedrooms.

The garden is about one-third of an acre and contains 3 number of trees and shrubs and a vegetable area. Offers over £33,000 are being asked through Bernard Thorpe and Partners, of London and Stow-on-the-Wold, and Rylands and Co, of Cirencester.

Built in the 1930s but most extensively modernized about *four years ago* is a property called Brakefield, at Pittance Hill, Smithwood Common, near Cranleigh, Surrey. It is of brick construction under a tiled and insulated roof and has two reception rooms and four bedrooms. The setting is unusually good with a garden which *extends in* all to about 1¾ acres. Included in it is an annexe only recently converted from several loose boxes. Also built of brick and with a tiled roof, this provides a large studio or living room which is partly galleried. The price is £59,500 and the agents are Weller Eggar, of Guildford.

Well located with views across farmland towards the Solent and the Isle of Wight is Delawarr House, Lymington, Hampshire. The house is thatched and dates partly from Elizabethan times, although the greater part is Georgian, plus later additions. Accommodation is fairly extensive and includes a galleried entrance hall, three reception rooms, a study, seven bedrooms, a dressing room and three bathrooms. In addition there is a self-contained garden flat with a sitting room and bedroom. *Garden and grounds extend to* about two acres and offers close to £75,000 are being asked through Jackson and Jackson, of Lymington. An interesting point of the main house is that although the accommodation is basically on two floors, there is a partly covered roof terrace *at second floor level.*

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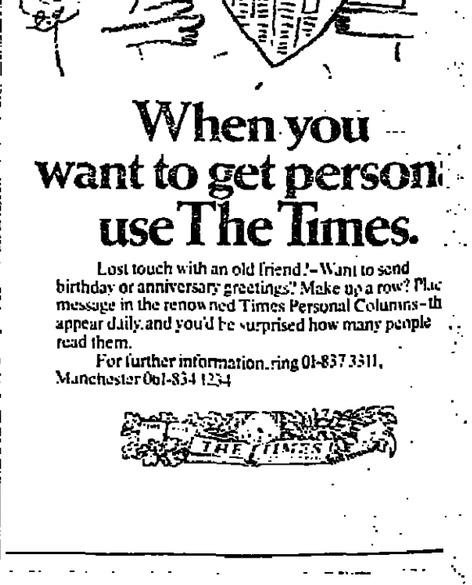
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LEGAL NOTICES

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matters of: No 004048 of 1977 BAYGUARD PROPERTIES Limited. No 004105 of 1977 CILLE (BOXES) Limited. No 004101 of 1977 MANSELL STREET INVESTMENTS Limited. No 004108 of 1977 ROBT. PERKINS & CO. Limited. No 004100 of 1977 SUN-RAM INVESTMENT CO. Limited, and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that petitions for the WINDING UP of the above named Companies by the High Court of Justice were on the 19th day of December 1977 presented to the said Court by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, of Somerset House, Strand, London, WC2R 1LB, and that the said Petitions are directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on the 23rd day of January 1978, and any creditor or contributory of any of the said Companies desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on any of the said Petitions may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose, and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of any of the said Companies requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

ERIC MOSES, Solicitor of Inland Revenue, Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 1LB.

NOTE: Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of any of the said Petitions must serve on or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 20th day of January 1978.

DR. THOMAS HUMPHREY WOODCHURCH CLARKE, DECD. Pursuant to the Trustee Act, 1925, all persons having claims against or claiming to be beneficially interested in the estate of Thomas Humphrey Woodchurch Clarke, late of No. 1 The Embankment, Putney, London, SW15 1LB, who died on the 25th day of October, 1977, and whose Will was proved in the Winchester District Probate Registry on the 20th day of December, 1977, by Barry Michael Clarke and Antony Ellis Stroud, the Executors therein named, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of March next, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the estate having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1977.

TRETHOWANS, College Chambers, New Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 2LY, Solicitors to the Executors.

WESTALL & SONS Limited and The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at 76, New Cavendish Street, London, W1M ... on Wednesday, the 11th day of January, 1978, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1977.

GEOFFREY V. WESTALL, Director

E. RENSTEN & CO. Limited and The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at Hanover Grand Cinema, 6 Hanover Street, London, W.1 on Wednesday, 25th January, 1978 at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 1978.

JOHN DEFRIES, Director

Companies Acts 1948 to 1976 M JOSEPHS Limited

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 3/4 Bentinck Street, London W1A 3BA on Monday, the 16th day of January 1978 at 12 o'clock midday, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 29th day of December 1977.

By order of the Board.

L. AUBREY JOSEPHS, Director

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 00 5428 of 1977

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division in the Matter of WESTERN AMERICAN BANK (EUROPE) Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 5th December, 1977 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Capital of the above named Company from £14,836,250 to £6,300,000 by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the said Company.

And notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr. Justice Slade at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Monday the 23rd day of January, 1978.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1977.

NORTON ROSE BOTTERELL & ROCHE, Kempson House, Camomile Street, London EC3A 7AN, Ref. CJLR/41. Solicitors for the above named Company.

In the Matter of LATIN AMERICAN ARTS AND CRAFTS Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 28th day of January, 1978, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Norman Harvey Russell, FCA of Alfred Tooke & Co., 8 Upper Grosvenor Street, W.1, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 20th day of December 1977.

Norman Harvey Russell, Liquidator, Chartered Accountant

No. 00254 of 1976.

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of SOUTHERN ORGANS (INTERNATIONAL) Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

By Order of the High Court of Justice Chancery Division dated the 5th August, 1976, Mr. David Llewellyn Morgan, of 8 Upper Grosvenor Street, London, W1 in Greater London, Chartered Accountant, has been appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1977.

D. L. MORGAN, Liquidator.

Re: CIRO CARPETS & FURNITURE Limited and The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at The Hanover Grand Cinema, 6 Hanover Street, London, W.1, on Thursday, the 19th day of January, 1978 at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 28th day of December 1977.

JOHN ROACH, Director

DILLWYN HOLDINGS Limited

Notice is hereby given that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at 138 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4 on Monday, the 23rd day of January, 1978, at 12.00 o'clock noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 293, 294 and 295 of the Companies Act, 1948.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1977.

D. J. HANNAGAN, Secretary.

In the Matter of R. J. MANNERS Ltd. and in the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948

By Order of the High Court of Justice dated 4th July 1977, Mr. MICHAEL GORDON VICTOR RADFORD, Chartered Accountant of 12 Portland Street, Southampton, has been appointed LIQUIDATOR in the above-named Company with a COMMITTEE of INSPECTION.

Dated this 3rd day of January 1978.

LEGAL NOTICES

No 004148 of 1977.

In the High Court of Justice Chancery Division, Companies Court In the Matter of SUN AND SAND AGENCIES Limited and the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for the WINDING-UP of the above named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 21st day of December 1977 presented to the said Court by Consortium General Textile SA whose principal place of business is at 12 Rue de Vieux Roubourg, 59 Lille in the Republic of France.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice Strand, London, WC2 on the 23rd January, 1978; and any CREDITOR or CONTRIBUTORY of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

LEE BOLTON AND LEE, 1, The Sanctuary, Westminster, London, S.W.1. Solicitors for the Petitioner

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Re: S. NOVACK Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) and The Companies Act, 1948

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above named Company are required on or before Friday, 17th February, 1978 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their Debts or Claims to the undersigned David Buchler, A.C.A. at Bernard Phillips and Co., 76, New Cavendish Street, London W.1 the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said Debts or Claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such Debts are proved.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1977

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BBC 1

... am, The Wombles. 10.00, Jackanory. 10.15, Boris the ... 10.20-10.45, White ... 12.45 pm, News. 1.00, ... Mill. 1.45-2.00, Mr Benn. ... Pobol y Cwm. 3.55, Play School. 4.20, It's the Wolf. ... Jackanory. 4.40, The ... gers. 4.55, Crackerjack. ... Fred Basset. ... News. 5.55, Nationwide. ... Cracked Ice, cartoon. ... Film: Father Goose, with Cary Grant, Leslie Caron. ... News. ... Gangsters (new series) with Maurice Colbourne, Elizabeth Cassidy. ... Tonight. ... Film: Villa Rides, with Yul Brynner, Robert Mitchum, Charles Bronson. ... am, Weather. ... Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1): WALES.—1.45-2.00 pm, ... Closedown. 5.55-6.20, ... Today. 7.00, Heddiw. 7.30, ... Time. 8.30-9.00, Sykes. ... 10.50, Kane on Friday. ... SCOTLAND.—3.20-3.55 am, Transmitters Closedown. 5.55-6.20, Reporting Scotland. 10.20-10.50, ... Robert Louis Stevenson. NORTHERN IRELAND.—3.20-3.53 Transmitters Closedown. 3.53-... Northern Ireland News. 5.55-... Scene Around Six. 10.20-... The Bold Bad Baronet, the case against Sir John Piers in ... ENGLAND.—10.30-10.50 ... East, On Camera. Midlands, ... Hear! North, It's Your ... North East, That was the ... North West, Sir Tin Deawn... Robert Robinson talks to ... Thomas. South West, Peninsula ... West, Public Life. Tom King, and John Cope, MP.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School.
6.25 News Headlines.
6.30 Planets, lecture: Planetary Systems Beyond the Sun.
7.30 Newsday.
8.10 Kilvert's Dairy.
8.25 Money Programme. How well have we done in the EEC?
9.00 Pot Black 78.
9.30 Helen Reddy Show, recorded in Las Vegas.
10.15 Horizon. Living Machines — revealing nature's designs.
11.05 Benoni and Rosa.
11.55 News.
12.05-12.10 am, Julian Glover reads Home, by J. C. Hall.

Thames

9.30 am, Cartoons. 9.40, Documentary: Meteorsat. 10.00, The Saint (r).* 10.50, To the Wild Country. 11.40, Dynomutt. 12.00, A Handful of Songs. 12.10 pm, Rainbow. 12.30, Cuckoo in the Nest. 1.00, News. 1.20, Help! 1.30, About Britain. 2.00, Money-go-Round. 2.25, Film: The Magician, with Bill Bixby. 3.50, The Cedar Tree. 4.15, A Place to Hide (r). 4.45, Magpie. 5.15, Horses in our Blood (r).
5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at 6.
6.35 Crossroads.
(r) Repeat.

London Weekend

7.00 Mind your Language.
7.30 Backs to the Land.
8.00 General Hospital.
9.00 The Professionals, with Gordon Jackson, Martin Shaw, Lewis Collins.
10.00 News.
10.30 Police 5.
10.40 Baretta.
11.40 George Hamilton IV.
12.10 am, Epilogue.

ATV

9.50 am, Clue Club. 10.10, The Huntsman. 10.25, Film: Thunderbirds are Go. 11.55, Parsley. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, The Sullivans. 3.25, Electric Theatre Show. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Wish You Were Here. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, London. 10.30-12.40 am, Film: 100 Rifles, with Jim Brown, Raquel Welch, Burt Reynolds.

Southern

9.35 am. Sean the Leprechaun. 9.50, Skimming the Surface. 10.15, How. 10.40, Digging for Yesterday. 11.05, The Mighty Wurzels. 11.35, Hogg's Back. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, About Britain. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25, Banacek. 3.50, Thames. 5.10, Weekend. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day: Scene South East. 6.30, Out of Town. 7.00, London. 10.30, Film: Kings Go Forth, with Frank Sinatra. 12.25 am, Southern News. 12.35, Weather; Epilogue.

Granada

9.30 am, The Great Little Trains of Wales. 9.55, Sesame Street. 10.50, Clapperboard. 11.30, Popeye. 11.50, Reading with Lenny. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, Film: Will Hay in Boys Will Be Boys.* 3.50, Thames. 5.10, This Is Your Right. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Kick Off. 7.00, London. 7.30, Car Along the Pass. 8.00, London. 10.30, Reports Extra. 11.00-12.55 am, Film: Cary Grant in Notorious.*

Tyne Tees

9.25 am, The Good Word. 9.30, On the Twelfth Day. 9.50, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, North-East News. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, Film: The Ghost Goes West, with Robert Donat, Jean Parker.* 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, News. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 10.30, Sportstime. 11.05, Film: The Abominable Dr Phibes, with Vincent Price, Joseph Cotten. 12.40 am, Epilogue.

Channel

1.18 pm, Thames. 2.25, Upstairs, Downstairs. 3.25, The Practice. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, The Remarkable Rocket. 5.45, News. 6.00, Report at Six. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 10.35, Late with Danton. 10.50, McMillan and Wife. 12.30 am, News.

HTV

... am, Southern. 11.05, Jazz ... 11.35, Hogg's Back. ... Thames. 1.20 pm, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. ... Southern. 2.25, Film: Over the Moon, with Rex Harrison, Merle ... 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Captain Nemo. 5.20, Southern. 6.00, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. ... A Day to Remember. 7.00, London. 10.35, Report Extra. ...-12.45 am, Film: Buddy ... and Peter, Graves in The President's Plane is Missing. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion. ... Y Dydd. 4.15-4.45, ... 6.00-6.15, Y Dydd. ...-11.05, Outlook. HTV WEST: As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, ... Headlines. 6.15-6.30, Report ...

Westward

9.50 am, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, Upstairs, Downstairs. 3.25, The Practice. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Fantastic Voyage. 5.45, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 10.35, Late With Danton. 10.50, McMillan and Wife. 12.30 am, Faith for Life.

Yorkshire

... am, Phantom Pilot. 10.25, ... 10.50, The Lost Islands. ... Run Joe, Run. 11.30, Clue ... 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. ... Film, The Ghost Goes West, Robert Donat, Jean Parker. ... Thames. 5.15, Calendar ... 5.45, News. 6.00, Calendar. ... ATV. 7.00, London. 10.30-... am, Film, Notorious, with Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman, Claude ...

Border

9.50 am, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, Film, The Ghost Goes West, with Robert Donat, Jean Parker. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, News. 6.00, Lookaround Friday. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 10.30, Borderers. 11.00, Film, The Best House in London with David Hemmings, Joanna Pettet. 12.45, Border News.

Anglia

... am, Woobinda (r). 9.50, ... 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, ... News. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, ... and the Lost Safari. ... Thames. 5.15, Happy Days. ... News. 6.00, About Anglia. ... ATV. 7.00, London. 10.30, ... Special. 11.00, Film: Shadow on the Land, with Jackie Cooper, ... For the ... Gene Jackman. 1.00 ... Christians in Action.

Grampian

9.45 am, First Thing. 9.50, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, The Stars Look Down. 2.55, No Borders to the Sun. 3.50, Thames. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 7.30, Welcome to the Ceilidh. 8.00, London. 10.30, Reflections. 10.35, The Points North. 11.35-12.30 am. The Collaborators.

Ulster

... am, Southern. 12.00, Thames. ... pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. ... Film: Silver Lode, with John ... Lizabeth Scott, Dan Duryea. ... Thames. 5.15, The Brady ... 5.45, News. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, Crossroads. ... Reports. 6.50, Police Six. ... A Drop in Your Hand. 7.30, ... 10.30, Sportscast. 11.00, ... High Risk, with Joseph Strole, ... Buono, Don Stroud, Joanna ... Ron, Roane Troup, Wot Roth.

Scottish

9.50 am, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, The Stars Look Down (r). 2.55, No Borders to the Sun. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Professor Kilrel (r). 5.20, Southern. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Phyllis. 7.00, London. 10.30, Ways and Means. 11.00, Futures. 11.15, Late Call. 11.20, Baretta. 12.20-12.35 am. Love American Style.

Radio

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6.00 am, News; Ray Moore.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm, Kid Jensen. 4.31, DLT. 7.02, Nat Whitworth and the New Million Airs.† 8.02, John Gregory.† 8.45, Music Night.† 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00-12.06 am, News.

† Stereo.

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6.00 am, News. 6.02, Ray Moore.† 7.32, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing bulletin.) 10.02, Cricket. 10.03, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton.† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sport. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.02, Treble Chance. 10.30, Let's Go Latin. 11.03, Brian Matthew. 12.00, News.

3

6.55 am. Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Duparc, Roussel, Duruflé.† 7.30-10.00, Cricket: Second Test (m/f only). 8.00, News. 8.05, Bach, Mozart.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Haydn.† 10.00, Fanfare.† 10.20, Choral and Orchestral Concert: Handel, Brahms, Szymanowski, Haydn.† 11.15, Music Making from Belfast: Mozart, Spohr, Duruflé.† 12.15 pm, Concert, part 1: Dvorak, Hindemith.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Playbill.† 1.20, Concert, part 2: Dohnanyi.† 1.55, Nielsen and Berwald.† 2.30, Scottish Baroque Ensemble, part 1: Lotti, Vinci, Scarlatti, Leo.† 3.10, In Short. 3.20, Concert, part 2: Albinoni, Handel.† 3.55, Violin Sonatas: Debussy, Brahms.† 4.45, The Young Idea.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, The People's Oratorio. 7.00, Music, Maestro, Please. 7.30, Hallé Orchestra, part 1: Schubert, Stravinsky.† 8.15, Feuerbach and the Roots of Materialism, by Charles Taylor. 8.35, Hallé Orchestra, part 2: Strauss.† 9.35, Kurt Weill, music from his Berlin period.† 10.20, Piano Recital: Bach, Beethoven, Brahms.† 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.† 12.00-1.30 am, Russian Orthodox Christmas Vigil Service.

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6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up to the Hour. 7.00, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up to the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.45, The Best of Bierce. 9.00, News. 9.05, Voice of the People: 021-432 5432. 10.00, News. 10.05, The World of Percy Edwards. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Friends and Neighbours: Soap opera. 11.50, First Impression. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, My Music. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen With Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Lame Duck. 4.00, News. 4.05, Music for Lewis Carroll's books. 4.35, Story: Mapp and Lucia. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.30, Going Places. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, Pick of the Week. 8.10, Instant Sunshine. 8.30, Any Questions? 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, Week Ending ... 10.55, My Delight, with Ian Rodger. 11.00, A Book at Bedtime: The Spy Who Came in from the Cold. 11.15, The Financial World Tonight. 11.30, News. 12.03-12.06 am, Inshore Forecast.

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DUNCAN.—On January 5th, to Bridget and Hedley, at 3 Overlord Close, Camberley—a daughter.

GLYN-OWEN.—On December 29, at B.M.H., Berlin, to Sheila and David—a daughter (Frances).

HILL.—On 3rd January to Fiona (nee Stokoe) and Stephen—a daughter (Emma).

HOEXTER.—On 25th December, at Queen Charlotte's, to Sarah (nee Edwards) and Nicholas—a daughter.

INVERURIE.—On New Year's Day, to Mary and Michael—a daughter.

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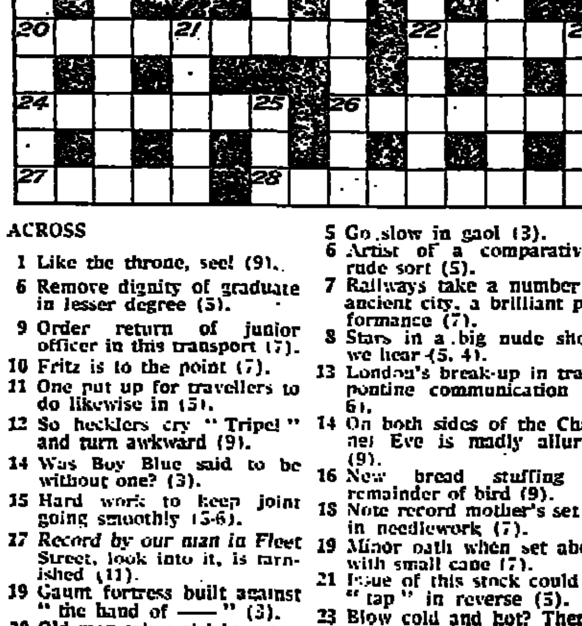
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LIDDLEY.—On December 20, 1977, in London, to Clare (nee Fehrsen) and Richard—a son (Thomas Paul Guy).

OAKLEY.—On January 2, to Lynch (nee Mason) and John—a son (Robert).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 14,801



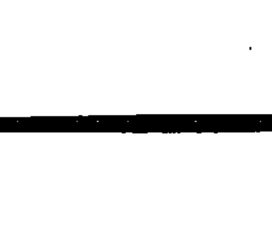
ACROSS

1 Like the throne, see! (9).
6 Remove dignity of graduate in lesser degree (5).
9 Order return of junior officer in this transport (7).
10 Fritz is to the point (7).
11 One put up for travellers to do likewise in (5).
12 So hecklers cry "Tripe!" and turn awkward (9).
14 Was Boy Blue said to be without one? (3).
15 Hard work to keep joint going smoothly (5-6).
17 Record by our man in Fleet Street, look into it, is tarnished (11).
19 Gaunt fortress built against "the hand of —" (3).
20 Old man takes girl in a car, a redhead (9).
22 To win heart of Hero, a chap must be a swimmer (5).
24 Bard indisposed to show malice (3-4).
26 Drink for this horse (7).
27 Body in space—very costly (5).
28 Last one to score (9).

DOWN

1 Antediluvian immortal? (5).
2 After one gin cocktail, Edward gets fired (7).
3 Sailor to go abroad in company with a Spanish gentleman (9).
4 Pan's character need fear no hot tin roof (4, 2, 5).
5 Go slow in gaol (3).
6 Artist of a comparatively rude sort (5).
7 Railways take a number to ancient city, a brilliant performance (7).
8 Stars in a big nude show, we hear (5, 4).
13 London's break-up in transpontine communication (5, 6).
14 On both sides of the Channel Eve is madly alluring (9).
16 New bread stuffing in remainder of bird (9).
18 Note record mother's set up in needlework (7).
19 Minor oath when set about with small cane (7).
21 Issue of this stock could be "tap" in reverse (5).
23 Blow cold and hot? There's the snag (5).
25 The fate of many (3).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,800



BIRTHS

OLIVER.—On January 4, at Coventry, to Margaret (nee Finney) and John—a daughter (Ann Elizabeth), a sister for Mary.

QUINN.—On Monday, January 2, 1978, in Edinburgh to Elizabeth (nee Seager) and Sean—a son (Damian).

RITCHESON.—On January 3rd, 1978, at 741, South Bristol Avenue, L.A., 90049, U.S.A., to Alice and Professor Charles Ritcheson—a son (Peter).

RUSHTON.—On January 3, at St. Martin's Hospital, Bath, to Margrit (nee Bradley) and John—a daughter (Kate).

SIMMONDS.—On January 4, at Shrodells maternity wing, Watford General Hospital, to Janet Lesley (nee Smith) and Hugh John—a daughter (Juliet Victoria).

WOOD.—On January 3, at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, to Gillian (nee Newnham) and Simon—a son (Dominic), a brother for Timothy James and Matthew.

BIRTHDAYS

SIMON. CLARK.—Happy 21st Noggin—Love Judith and Tim.

MARRIAGES

DICK-CLELAND : GOGARTY.—On 21st December, 1977, the wedding took place in London between Mr Alexander Buchanan Dick-Cleland, son of the late Mr and Mrs J. K. Dick-Cleland, to Donna Lynne Gogarty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Gibbs.

IVRY : MENKES.—On 30 December, 1977, in London, Jean Ivry, son of the late Georges and Simone Ivry to Vivienne Menkes, daughter of the late Edouard Menkes and of Mrs Betty Menkes, of Hampstead.

NEELANDS : YELMAZ.—On January 4th, 1978, at Bolu, Turkey, Rupert Neeland to Nilgun Yelmaz.

RUBY WEDDING

WALTON : DOWNTON.—On 6th of January, 1938, Courtney Walton to Geraldine Downton at Morley St Botolphs, Norfolk now at 346, Woodstock Road, Oxford.

DEATHS

ADAMSON.—On 1st January, 1978, in a road accident in Venezuela, Peter and Margaret, of Bothamsall Hall, Retford, Nottinghamshire, their son David and his wife Marilyn (nee Ashworth) and their grandchildren Edward and Rupert, of 7 Grange Grove, London, N.1, and Caracas. The funerals have taken place privately in Venezuela. A memorial service will be held in London later.

ANDERSON.—Nicola, daughter of Mary and David, sister of Janis and Davina, of cancer, on 3rd January, her 22nd birthday, at Little Glebe, Little Gaddesden, Berkhamsted. Cremation at Garston on Friday, 6th January, at 12.45 p.m. No flowers. Donations in her memory may be made to Christian Aid, P.O. Box No. 4, London, S.W.9.

ASQUITH.—On January 4th, 1978, in a London hospital, Jane, much loved sister of Luke, Rose and Paul. Service at Golders Green Crematorium, Saturday, 7th January, 12 noon. All enquiries to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 49 Marloes Road, W.8. Tel. 01-937 0757.

BARRIE.—On January 3, 1978, at Sowley House, Lymington, after a short illness, Patricia Hazel, much loved wife of Peter, mother of Martin and Caron. Cremation Southampton Crematorium Friday, January 6, 10.45 a.m. No flowers, please, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief.

BOURN. — On 29th December, 1977, at Taormina, Isobel, of 3, Cambridge Street, Edinburgh, dearly beloved by husband James, son David MacKenzie and sister Mary died peacefully following illness, Jim and David were with her. Funeral private in Sicily.

BOYCE.—On 4th January, 1978, at her home, Windmill Cottage, Stoke St. Gregory Irene Edith Boyce.

CARMICHAEL.—On January 4th, peacefully at Heavitree hospital, Exeter, Jean Webster, widow of Laurence T. Carmichael, aged 102. Family flowers only.

CLIFT.—On January 3rd, 1978, accidentally at home, in Kidderminster, Worcestershire, Hubert Arthur, beloved husband of Anne Clift. Service at Church of St. Mary's and All Saints, Kidderminster, at 2.30 p.m., on January 9, followed by interment at St. John's Church. No flowers please, but donation may be made to The Fire Services National Benevolent Fund, Marine Court, Littlehampton.

COCHRANE. — On 3rd January 1978, suddenly but peacefully, Adam Sutherland, much loved husband of Alison and father of Gillian, Hugh and Robin. Funeral service St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, Tuesday, January 10th, at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. No flowers, please.

CROSBIE.—On January 4, peacefully, in hospital, Reginald Pierce, beloved husband of Peggy. Funeral service at St James's Church, Ruscombe, 3.15 p.m. on Thursday, January 12. Private cremation later. No flowers, by request.

DELP.—on January 4th peacefully, Wilhelmine Elise, aged 95, c/o Miss Cameron, Half Acre House, 14, Northcroft Road, Englefield Green, Surrey, W20 0DU. Tel.: Egham 2525. Cremation, Woking. No flowers please. Thank you, thank you, Willie, darling from us all.

DICKINS.—On 4 Jan. 1978, suddenly and peacefully, at Hilton Hall, Hilton, Huntingdon, Cambs. Professor Bruce Dickins, F.B.A., Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Cremation private.

FREEMAN, CHARLES.—On 29th December, 1977, suddenly at Brook House, Clun, Arthur Charles Cammack Freeman, beloved husband of Ursula and father of Francis and Lukey. A service of thanksgiving for his life will be arranged shortly.

GOURLAY.—On Jan 1st, 1978, suddenly, Robert McMillan Gourlay, D.F.C., M.A. Funeral service at Winchmore Hill United Reform Church, on Jan. 9th, 1.15 p.m. No flowers by request, donations for Medical Research.

HOROWITZ.—On January 5th, in hospital, after a long illness bravely borne, Mark Horowitz, dearly loved husband of Joyce and loving father of Philip, Anthony and Caroline.

KUHN.—on January 3rd, George, beloved husband of Bea and father of Michael and Richard.

DEATHS

LEE.—On Jan. 5th, Leslie William, of Leighton Hoo Court Park, Thurlestone, Devon, beloved husband, devoted father and ever-loving grandfather, past peacefully away in hospital. Funeral service at Thurlestone Parish Church, near Kingsbridge, Devon, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, 9th January.

LISTER.—On 30th, December, at Nettleton Manor Nursing Home, Caistor, Lincolnshire, Ethel (Benny), M.B.E., J.P., aged 75, late of Hatcliffe, near Grimsby.

MATTHEWS.—On January 4th, 1978, at Prothither Mill, Hoarwithy, Hereford, Thomas Francis Vivian Matthews, M.C., beloved husband of Winifred (Anne) and father of Richard and Evelyn. Funeral private. No flowers please.

MALIPHANT.—On Jan 1st, peacefully, Richard Glyn, of 49 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, loved husband of Dilys, dear father of Elaine and Susan. Private funeral.

MEAD.—On January 4th, peacefully, in her 93rd year, at the home of her daughter in Stratton St. Margaret, Wiltshire, Maud Mead, formerly of Bainton Rd., Oxford, widow of Edgar Walter Mead of the China Consular Service and Manchester University and last surviving child of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Algernon McLennan Lyons and Lady Lyons of Kilvrough, Glamorgan, much loved and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at Oxford Crematorium (Headington), 12 noon, Tuesday, January 10th, 1978. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Royal National Life-boat Institution. Enquiries and flowers to Billiers Funeral Service, Swindon.

MEDLAM.—On 4th Jan., peacefully, at home, Henry Clement (Tito), beloved husband of Molly and loved father of Nick and Jane. Funeral Service at St. Nicholas Kemerton, Tewkesbury, Glos., on Tues., 10th Jan., at 1.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers, please.

MEIKLEJOHN.—Peacefully, after a short illness, at his home, Mains of Blervie Cottage, Forres, Moray, Ian Forbes Meiklejohn, dearly loved husband of the late Betty and father of Paddy, formerly of Castle Steps Dartmouth.

MINTER.—On Jan 4th, in a Parkstone Nursing Home, after a long illness, Harold Filmer, O.B.E., aged 78, dearly beloved husband of Winifred Emily deceased, father of Pauline and Geoffrey and grandfather of Bob and Mike.

PASOLD.—On 5th January, 1978, Eric Walter, O.B.E., hon.M.A., peacefully after a serious illness at his home in Lucerne, Switzerland, beloved brother of Rolf and Ingo and dearest uncle of Christine, Karin, Colin and Peter. Funeral private. Memorial service in England later.

PYE-SMITH.—On 4th January, 1978, at Cran Hill Nursing Home, Bath, Talbot Edward Baines Pye-Smith, T.D., M.A., LL.B. (Cantab.), late of the 4th Battalion, The Wiltshire Regiment, T.A., retired Solicitor, late of 10 Cavendish Crescent, Bath, aged 90. Cremation private. No flowers or letters, by request.

SEARIGHT. Brigadier E. E. G. L., C.B.E., M.C. (Bill), on January 3rd, beloved husband of Vere and father of Susan and William.

THEOBALD.—On January 2nd, 1978, suddenly, Reginald Edmund, priest, aged 68 years, Rector of Holmbury St. Mary, Surrey. Funeral service Holmbury St. Mary church, on Tuesday, January 10th at 2.15 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers please. All enquiries to Sherlock & Sons Trellis House, Dorking 2266.

THORNELY.—On January 4th, peacefully at a nursing home in Yorkshire, the Hon. Muriel Helen, dear wife of Jack, mother of Michael and grandmother of Richard, Charles, Elizabeth and Jackie. Cremation private.

UNWIN.—On 26th December, 1977, at the Priory, Roehampton, London, S.W.15, peacefully, aged 70, Vivian Mary, much loved wife of the late Commander Edward Unwin, mother of the late Elizabeth Margetts and of Sarah (Morgan), and grandmother of Jonathan and Daniel Morgan. Cremation has taken place privately.

WALKER.—Suddenly, on January 3rd, Sir Alan Walker, dearly loved husband of Melissa and father of Elisabeth, Michael and Diana. Private funeral on Thursday, January 12th. Flowers may be delivered to J. H. Kenyon, Ltd., 74 Rochester Row, S.W.1, by 10.30 a.m. Tel. 01-834 4624. Memorial service at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday, January 31st at 11.30 a.m.

WHITEHEAD, BRIG.-GEN. G. VICTOR, V.D., C.D., at his residence in Dorval, Que. Canada, on Saturday, December 31st, 1977, dearly beloved husband of the late Doris Jack, son of the late Col. E. A. Whitehead and the late Ella May Sicotte, dear father of Edward A., V. Michael and A. Carolyn (Lloyd-Jones), dear grandfather of 11 resting at Wray Walton Wray Funeral Home, 1459 Tower St., Montreal, Que. Funeral service from Saint James the Apostle Church on Wednesday, January the 4th, at 11 a.m.

WILSON.—On January 1st, John King of Hunity, Bishopsteignton, Devon and 11, St. George St., London, W.1, beloved father of John and Elizabeth. Private cremation at Torquay on Tuesday, 10th January. No flowers, please.

WULCKO.—On January 3, 1978, peacefully, in hospital, Gladys Helene, of Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks, widow of Laurance Marriot Wulcko. Funeral service will take place at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, on Tuesday, January 10, at 4 p.m. No flowers, please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BERESFORD.—A Memorial Service for the late Jack Beresford, C.B.E., O.Dip.M., will be held in the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire, St. Paul's Cathedral, at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 27th January, 1978.

CALDOUGH.—On December 16th, 1977, peacefully, George P., of Hornsey Lane, Highgate, and Institute of Small Business. Memorial service at St. Martin in the Fields, London, at 3 p.m., on Monday, 9th January.

HAMILTON.—A service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Reverend Herbert A. Hamilton will be held at Regent Square United Reformed Church, London, W.C.1, on Friday, 13th January, 1978 at 12.00 noon.

HARVEY, ROBERT ALEXANDER. A Requiem Mass will be held in the church of Our Lady of the Portal and St. Piran, Truro, at 3 p.m. on Thursday 12th January, 1978.

HIGGS.—A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Sydney Limbrey Higgs, F.R.C.S., will be held on Wednesday, 11th January, 1978, at 1 p.m. in the Church of St. Bartholomew the Less, Smithfield Gate, London, E.C.1.

MATHEWS, DOROTHY. — A memorial service will be held at St. John's Church, Sharow, Ripon, on Wednesday, January 18th, at 2.30 p.m.

MORRELL.—Captain Christopher Mark (Strick) Morrell, C.B.E., R.N. (retired). A Memorial Service will be held at Ingleby Greenhow, Stokesley, N. Yorkshire, at 12 noon, on Tuesday, January 10th.

OWEN.—The memorial service for Miss Elizabeth Owen will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Thursday, January 19, at noon.

PALMER.—A memorial service for the late Brigadier Julian William Palmer will be held at Christ Church, Down Street, London, W.1, on Thursday, 26th January, 1978, at 12 o'clock.

VALENTINE.—A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Sir Alec Valentine, former chairman of London Transport and member of the British Transport Commission, will be held in the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, W.C.2, at 12 noon, on Thursday, 26th Jan., 1978.

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